

# STUDY OF SQUARE CONCRETE COLUMN BEHAVIOR CONFINED WITH CFRP SHEETS

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**Abstract:-** In this report study is carried out in determining the axial shortening and Axial loading for these test total of 30 columns specimen were casted. It includes plain control column 6 no's, reinforced column with a minimum steel 0.8% of cross section of 6 no's and 18 no's plain strengthen column with different layers of CFRP one, two and three in transverse direction for different grades of concrete M 20, M 30 and M 40. The use of externally bonded fiber reinforced polymer (FRP) composites has become increasingly popular for the repair and retrofitting of concrete structures. The popularity of FRP composites is due to their well-known advantages, including a high strength-to-weight ratio and excellent corrosion resistance. One important application of FRP composites is as a confining material for the retrofitting of existing reinforced concrete (RC) columns with FRP jackets. The carbon fiber used in this study is readily available in the market under the trade name "Nitowrap". The fibers are wrapped around the column with the help of the epoxy adhesive. Results of the experimental works shows that rounded sharp increases load carrying capacity efficiently increases up to the two layers of wrapping of CFRP in the transverse direction, whereas ductility increases up to the three layers of wrapping as compared to control. Toughness index of the strengthened column increases with increase in grade of concrete, increases with increasing the number of CFRP sheet layers.

**Keywords:** CFRP, FRP, RC columns

## I. INTRODUCTION

Concrete is one of the vital materials for infrastructure development due to its versatile application, globally its usage is second to water. Concrete is one of the most widely used construction material. Since the day of its advent, concrete has been undergoing changes as a material and technology. Due to the growing needs of performance and durability of concrete there has been a continuous search for upgrading the properties of concrete. Concrete being the most versatile construction material and is used in a wide range of civil engineering structures and structural elements all over the world. Concrete is the most widely used engineering material due to number of reasons.

First, concrete possesses excellent resistance to water. The durability of concrete to some aggressive waters is responsible for the fact that its use has been

extended to many hostile industrial and natural environments. The second reason for the widespread use of concrete is the ease with which structural concrete elements can be formed into a variety of shapes and sizes. This is because freshly made concrete is of a plastic consistency, which permits the material to flow into prefabricated formwork. The third reason for the popularity of concrete with engineers is that it is usually the cheapest and most readily available material on the job. The principal ingredients for making concrete are Portland cement and aggregates that are relatively inexpensive and are more commonly available in most areas of the world.

## II. MATERIAL PROPERTIES

### A. Cement:

For the experimental work ordinary Portland JSW 43-grade cement was used. It was tested as per IS: 4031-1988 recommendations for hydraulic cement. The results are tabulated in Table-1.

### B. Fine Aggregate:

Fine aggregate is defined as the aggregate which can pass through 4.75 mm IS sieve according to provisions of IS: 383—1970. It is also known as sand size aggregate. The locally available river sand has been used as fine aggregate. The properties of fine aggregate are tabulated in Table-1.

### C. Coarse Aggregate:

20 mm down size crushed granite aggregates are used in the present work. The tests are conducted on coarse aggregates to determine the specific gravity and fineness modulus. The test results obtained are tabulated in Table-1.

**Table 1: Physical Properties Of Materials**

SNO	Description	Results	As per code
1	<b>TEST ON CEMENT</b> Normal consistency of cement <b>Setting time of cement</b>	31%	28-33%

	Initial Time Final Time	90minutes 270 minutes	Min.30 Max.700
	Fineness of cement	226 Sq. m/kg	226 Sq. m/kg
	Specific gravity of cement	3.05	2.9-3.15
2	<b>TEST ON FINE AGGREGATE</b> Fineness modulus of fine aggregate Water absorption of fine aggregate Specific gravity of fine aggregate	2.64 %  1.15 %  2.6	2-4
3	<b>TEST ON COARSE AGGREGATE</b> Fineness modulus of coarse aggregate Water absorption of coarse aggregate Specific gravity of coarse aggregate	2.56 %  0.5 %  2.7	

**D. Water:**

Water used in concrete shall be free from sewage, oil, acid, strong alkalis or vegetable matter, and also shall be free from clay and loam. The water used is potable, and is satisfactory to use in concrete. Tap water supplied in the Sri sunflower college of Engineering and Technology is used for casting and curing of concrete specimen used in the experimental work.

**E. Reinforcing Steel:**

Mild steel bars of yield stress 415 MPa have been used for longitudinal and transverse reinforcement in case of reinforced columns.

**F. CARBON FIBERS And EPOXY Adhesive:**

The carbon fiber used in this study is readily available in the market under the trade name "Nitowrap".

**Table 2: Properties of Nitowrap Carbon Fiber**

SNO	PROPERTY	VALUE
1	Fiber orientation	Unidirectional
2	Weight of fiber	200 g/m <sup>2</sup>
3	Fiber thickness	0.11mm
4	Ultimate elongation	1.5%
5	Tensile strength	4900 N/mm <sup>2</sup>
6	Tensile modulus	285x103N/mm <sup>2</sup>

**G. Super Plasticizer:**

Super plasticizer belongs to a class of water reducers chemically different from the normal water reducers and capable of reducing water contents by about 30-40%. Glenium B233 is the type of super plasticizers used for our experimental work supplied by BASF manufacturer Bangalore

**III. EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAMME**

**MIX DESIGN:**

Concrete Mixes with targeted characteristic strengths of M 20, M 30 and M 40 MPa using locally available ordinary Portland Cement (OPC), crushed granite jelly (20 mm down) and river sand and Glenium B233 are used in the present investigation. Mix designs of these three grades of concrete are based on the guide lines of IS 10262-2009. Standard cubes (150mmX150mmX150mm) were used to determine the compressive strength of the concrete. Based on the test results with number of trial mixes the mix proportions are finalized.

**Table 3: Details of Concrete Mix Proportions**

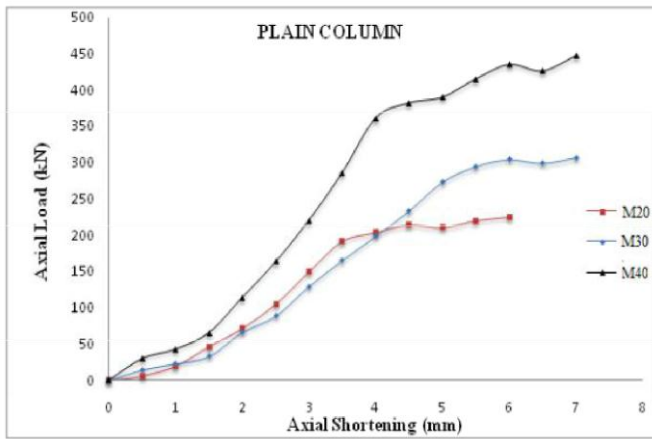
SNO	Mix Designation	proportion	W/B Ratio	Super Plasticizer % by wt of cement	Comp .strength @28 days( N/m <sup>2</sup> )	Slump (mm)
1	M20	1:1.82:3.36	0.5	0.2	28.66	75
2	M30	1:1.66:3.06	0.45	0.2	38.25	70
3	M40	1:1.48:2.75	0.4	0.2	46.69	68

**IV. TESTS AND RESULTS**

In this report, study has been done to know the effect of axial load carrying capacity by wrapping CFRP sheets to the concrete column for different grades of concrete are discussed.

➤ **Axial Load and Axial Shortening Curve of Column:**

- Axial Load and Axial Shortening for Plain Column



Graph 1: Axial Load v/s Axial Shortening for Unconfined Column



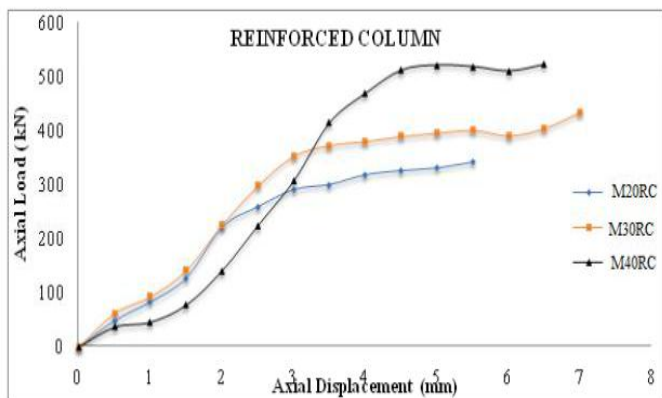
M20RC M30RC M40RC

Figure 2: Failure Pattern of RC Column with Different Grade



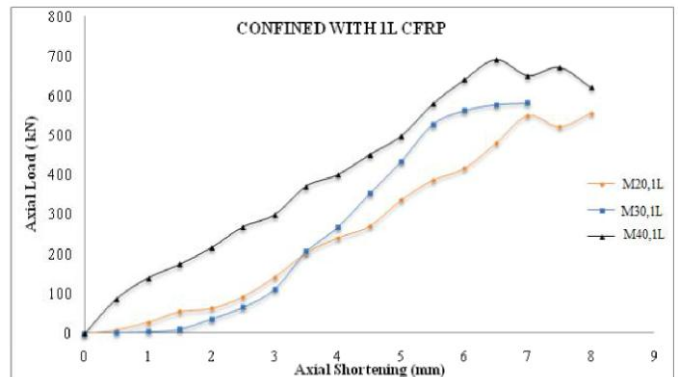
Figure 1: Failure Pattern of Unconfined Different Grades of Concrete Columns

- Axial Load and Axial Shortening for Reinforced Column



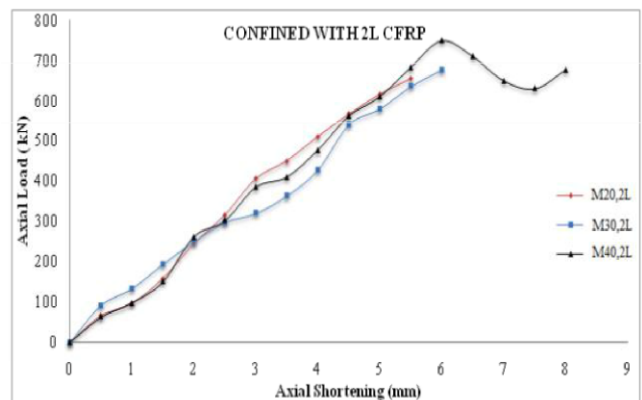
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- Axial Load and Axial Shortening for Single Layer Strengthened Column



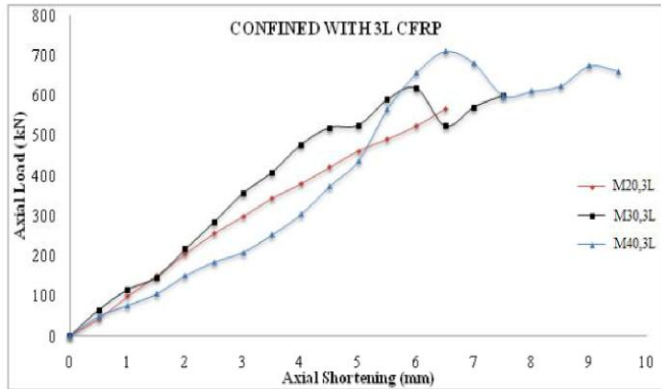
Graph 3: Axial Load v/s Axial Shortening for One Layer CFRP Confined Column

- Axial Load and Axial Shortening for Two Layers CFRP Strengthened Column



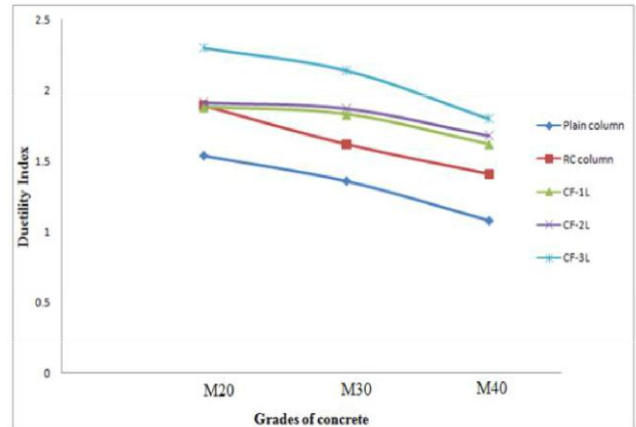
Graph 4: Axial Load v/s Axial Shortening for Two Layers CFRP Confined Column

• Axial Load and Axial Shortening for Three Layers CFRP Strengthened Column



Graph 5: Axial Load v/s Axial Shortening for Three Layers CFRP Confined Column

➤ Ductility Index



Graph 6: Ductility Indices of Column for Different Grades of Concrete and Layers of Wrapping

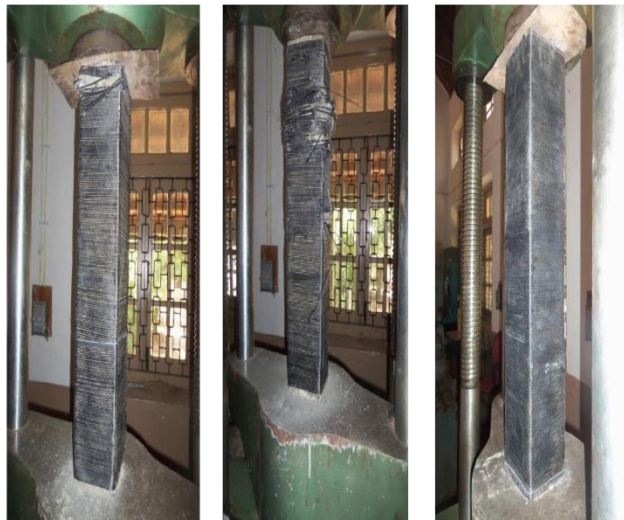
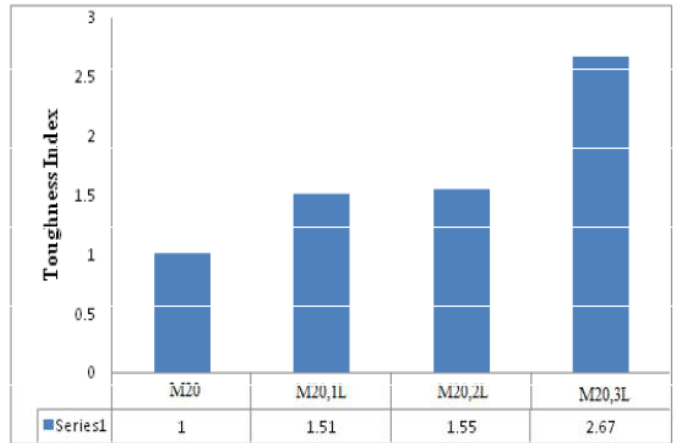


Figure 3: Failure Pattern of CFRP Strengthened Column with Different Layers

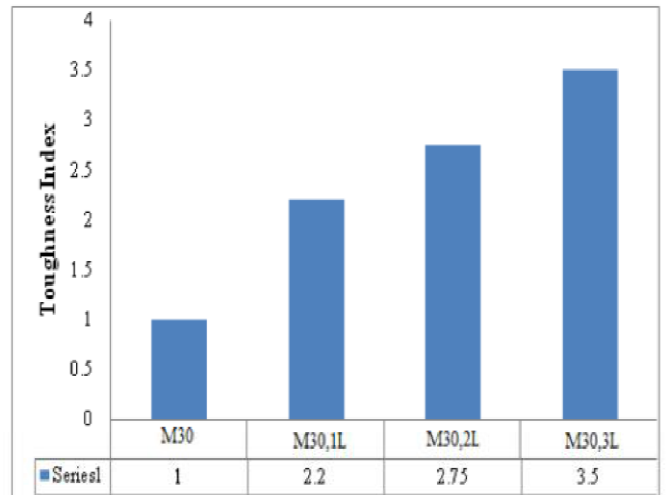
➤ Toughness Index



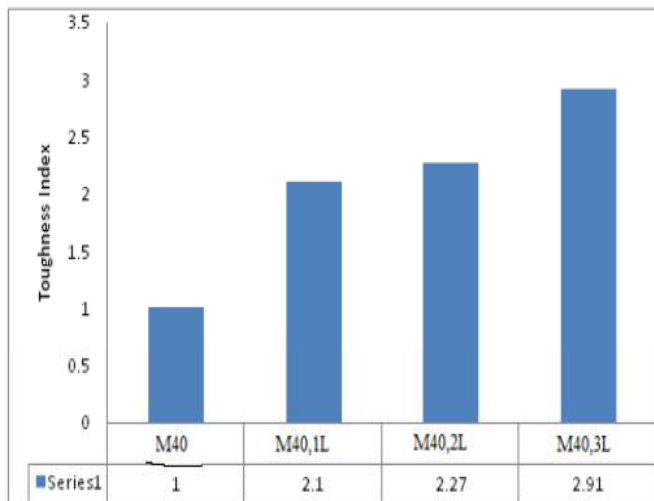
Graph 7: Toughness Index of M20 column

➤ Axial Load Carrying Capacity of Column

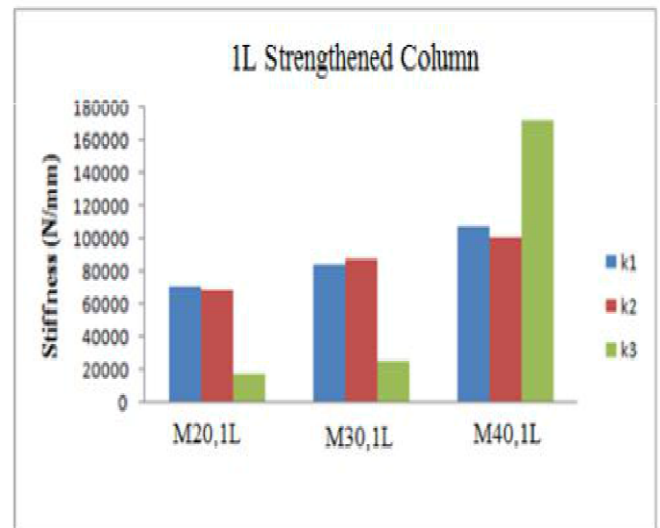
Specimen	Ultimate Axial Load(KN)			Axial Shortening at Ultimate Axial Load(mm)		
	M20	M30	M40	M20	M30	M40
PCC	225.6	307.8	447.8	6.0	7.0	7.0
RCC	341.2	434.6	522.5	5.5	7.0	6.5
CF-1 LAYER	556.2	582.4	690.4	8.0	7.0	6.5
CF-2 LAYER	655.3	678.2	749.0	5.5	6.0	6.0
CF-3 LAYER	566.7	617.6	710.2	6.5	6.0	6.5



Graph 8: Toughness Index of M30 column

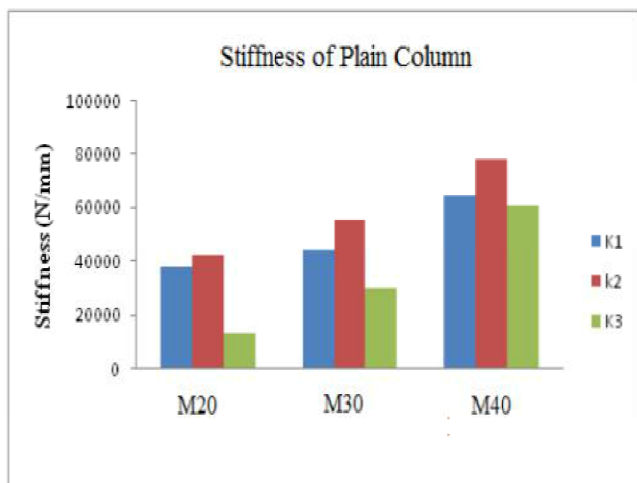


Graph 9: Toughness Index of M40 column

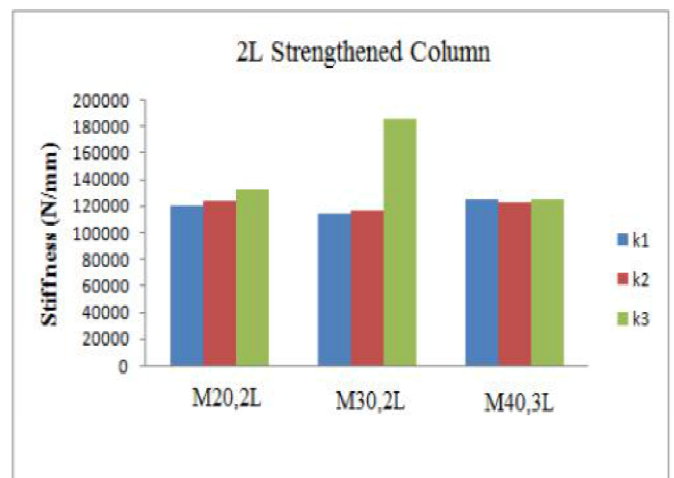


Graph 12: Stiffness of 1L strengthened column

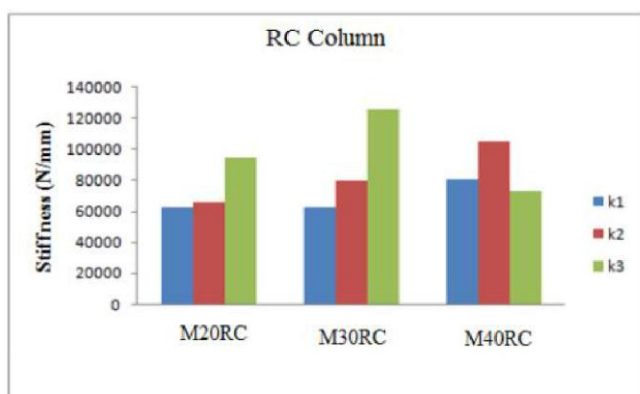
➤ **Stiffness**



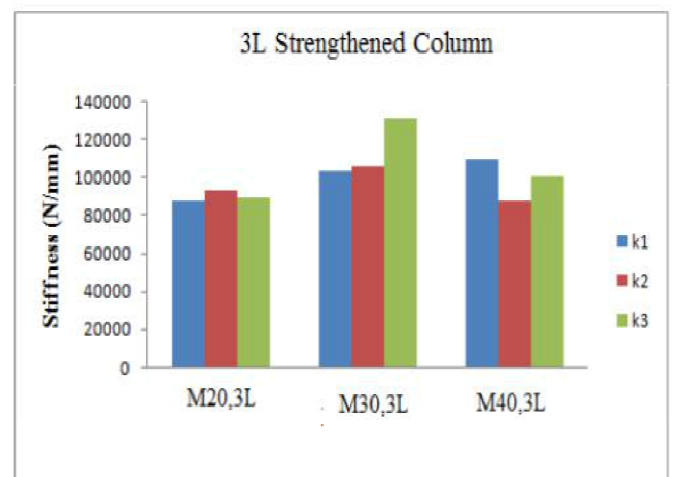
Graph 10: Stiffness of plain column



Graph 13: Stiffness of 2L strengthened column



Graph 11: Stiffness of RC column



Graph 14: Stiffness of 3L strengthened column

## V. CONCLUSION & SCOPE OF FURTHER WORK

### CONCLUSIONS:

- The CFRP strengthened column up to two layers is effective for increasing axial load carrying capacity of column, enhance in the CFRP layers found ineffective.
- Ductility of columns is increasing by adopting reinforcement and carbon fibers wrapping, ductility increases with increase in number of layers.
- The one layers strengthened columns are failed by the tensile rupture of CFRP jacket where as two layered strengthened column failed by the combination of delamination and rupture of CFRP jacket and three layered strengthened columns failed by the mere delamination of CFRP jacket.
- The increase in load carrying capacity for RC column is 36.37% as compared to plain column.
- The increase in load carrying capacity for one, two and three layers strengthened columns are 96.64%, 126.02% and 103.49% as compared to plain column.
- The increase in load carrying capacity for one, two and three layers strengthened columns are 43.04%, 63.82% and 48.04% as compared to RC column.
- Toughness index of the carbon fiber wrapped columns, increases with increase in grade of concrete and increases with increase in the number of CFRP sheet layers.
- Proposed analytical models (Theriuult and Neale. 2005) predict reasonable axial load capacities of wrapped column.
- 9. Plain column wrapped with one layer carbon fibers shows 43.04% more axial capacity than R.C column. Hence wrapped plain column can replace R.CC column.
- The stiffness is found to be maximum for wrapping with two and three layers specimen as compared the one layer wrapping specimen, RC and plain column.
- Two layers of plain column with M40 grade concrete shows better performance in all respects.

### SCOPE OF FURTHER WORK:

The present experimental investigation deals with the axial compressive strength of concrete columns of different grade strengthened with one, two and three layers CFRP in the transverse direction

- The present study can be extended by using the reinforced concrete instead of plain concrete strengthened with the CFRP to see the effect on load carrying capacity and ductility of column.
- The study can be extended to behavior of plain and reinforced column strengthened with the CFRP

under eccentric loading to see the effect on load carrying capacity, failure pattern and ductility of column.

- The study can be extended to plain column with rounding of corner with different corner radius strengthened with the CFRP to study the effect of corner radius on load carrying capacity of column.
- The study can be extended to plain column of different grade of concrete strengthened with the CFRP and GFRP to see the effect on the load carrying capacity and ductility of the columns.

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