

# Personality Profile:

## Balkrishna Gupta



Born on December 31, 1922 in a small village on the outskirts of Firozabad\* (Uttar Pradesh, INDIA), Mr. Balkrishna Gupta belongs from a modest family and could only study till middle level school

**Mr. Bal Krishna Gupta is the Founder and Chairman of Advance Group of Glass Industries, Firozabad. He has more than 70 years of vast experience of running many glass manufacturing units in Firozabad (which is also known as Glass city of India).**

Mr. Gupta has served as Former President of The All India Glass Manufacturers' Federation (AIGMF) and was Former President with Uttar Pradesh Glass Manufacturers' Syndicate (UPGMS) for many terms.

Mr. Gupta is a self-made tycoon who started his 1<sup>st</sup> glass business in partnership with Ganga Glass in 1946 for just 2 Anna's (12.5 paise or 1/100 of an Indian rupee). He suffered loss in his maiden business but continued as he was self-motivated to excel. To achieve his ambitions, he borrowed Rs. 10,000 from his father in 1950<sup>s</sup> and since then has never looked back.

Today his group employs more 10,000 people directly or indirectly.

### ADVANCE GROUP OF GLASS INDUSTRIES

Located at Advance Puram, Raja-Ka-Taal, Agra Road, Firozabad (Uttar Pradesh) Advance Group is into manufacturing of Handicraft items, Thermos Flasks, Industrial Lamps, Table ware, bulb shells, Glass Bottles, etc.

Its various facilities are spread over 30,000 sq. mtr and is about 250 kms away from New Delhi, India's Capital.

The Group exports to nearly 15 countries in Europe, South America and Asia. Some of its sister concerns are:

- Om Glass Works Pvt. Ltd.
- Pankaj Glass Works Ltd.
- Advance Glass Works
- Adarsh Kanch Udyog Pvt. Ltd.
- Advance Lamp Component Pvt. Ltd.
- Advance Vacuum Flask Industries Pvt. Ltd.
- Oriental Glass Works
- Modern Glass Industries
- Orchid Greens
- Boss Deco

The group started manufacturing Mouth Blown products in the year 1970. Advance Group was the 1<sup>st</sup> company in Firozabad to introduce oil furnace technology in its unit 'Unique Glass', which was previously run on coal.

In 1994, 1<sup>st</sup> automatic bulb shell manufacturing unit was started by the group. In 1996, the Group switched over to natural gas as per the directive of Govt of India to protect Taj Mahal from Industrial pollution in and around Taj Trapezium Zone.

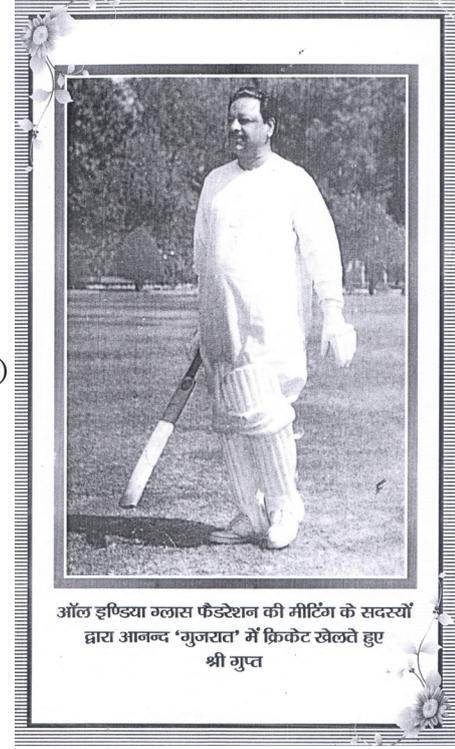
At the age of 93, Mr. Gupta still plays an active role as member of UPGMS (a zonal association of the AIGMF) for the growth and development of Glass Industry.



Mr. Bal Krishna Gupta, Chief Guest at 2<sup>nd</sup> Glasspex India in 2011 inaugurating the Exhibition at Bombay Exhibition Centre, Mumbai in the august presence- MDI (Messe Düsseldorf GmbH/Messe Düsseldorf India Pvt. Ltd.) and AIGMF Officials

## संक्षिप्त जीवन परिचय- श्री बालकृष्ण गुप्त

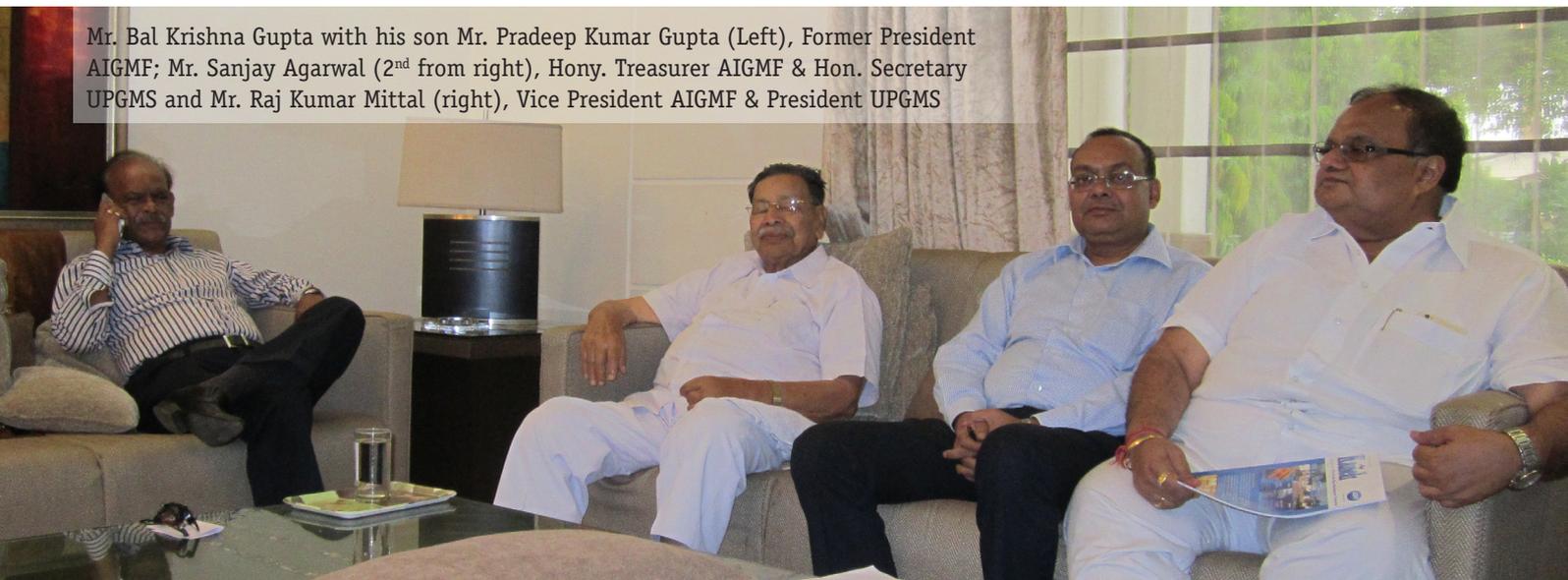
पिता	:	सेठ उमरावलाल जी
जन्म स्थान	:	कोटला (जनपद-फिरोज़ाबाद) उ.प्र.
जन्म तिथि	:	31 दिसम्बर, 1922 ई.
निवास	:	105, हनुमान गंज, फिरोज़ाबाद
शिक्षा	:	हिन्दी का श्रेष्ठ तथा अंग्रेजी का व्यवहारोपयोगी ज्ञान
संस्थापक	:	एडवान्स ग्रुप ऑफ ग्लास इण्डस्ट्रीज, फिरोज़ाबाद
अध्यक्ष	:	अ.भा. ब्रज-साहित्य संगम, मथुरा
(साहित्य एवं शिक्षा जगत)- ब्रज कला केन्द्र आगरा		
- मानसरोवर साहित्य संगम, फिरोज़ाबाद		
- श्री आर. के. इण्टर कॉलेज, कोटला		
- महात्मा गान्धी शिक्षण संस्थान पी.जी. कॉलेज, फिरोज़ाबाद		
उपलब्ध अलंकरण:	:	- 'उत्तर प्रदेश रत्न' (आ. ई. कॉन्फ्रेंस ऑफ इन्टेलेक्चुअल्स, उ.प्र.)
- 'आर्य-भूषण' (गुरुकुल महाविद्यालय, ज्वालापुर, हरिद्वार)		
- 'साहित्य-सेवी' (हिन्दी साहित्य सम्मेलन, इलाहाबाद)		
- 'वाणी-भूषण' (अ.भा. ब्रज-साहित्य संगम, मथुरा)		
- 'भाषा भूषण' साहित्य मंडल श्रीनाथ द्वारा, (राज.)		
योगदान	:	- श्री आर. के. इण्टर कालेज, कोटला (संस्थापक)
- श्री आर. के. गर्ल्स हाईस्कूल, कोटला (संस्थापक)		
अध्यक्ष	:	- यू.पी. ग्लास सिण्डीकेट, फिरोज़ाबाद
(औद्योगिक जगत)	:	- ऑल इण्डिया ग्लास मैनुफैक्चर्स फ़ैडरेशन, नई दिल्ली
- साइण्टिफिक ग्लास मैनुफैक्चर्स एसोसिएशन, फिरोज़ाबाद		
- नेशनल चैम्बर ऑफ इण्डस्ट्रीज एण्ड कॉमर्स, यू.पी., आगरा		
- आगरा प्रोडक्टिविटी काउन्सिल, आगरा		



### विशेष:-

- कृषक-परिवार में जन्म लेकर स्व-पराक्रम एवं बुद्धि-बल द्वारा देश के प्रमुख काँच-उद्योगपति के पद पर सुप्रतिष्ठित।
- ग्लास मैनुफैक्चरिंग के क्षेत्र में विशेषज्ञता प्राप्ति के लिए अमेरिका, जर्मनी, लन्दन, पेरिस, रूस, इटली तथा अन्य देशों की यात्राएँ।
- काँच-उद्योग की स्थापना हेतु परामर्शदाता के रूप में बांग्ला देश की सरकार द्वारा आमन्त्रित एवं वहाँ की यात्रा।
- अनेक सामाजिक, साहित्यिक, सांस्कृतिक एवं शैक्षणिक संस्थाओं से सम्बद्ध, अनेक स्थानों पर अनेकों बार अभिनन्दित।
- हिन्दी के सुधी कवि, निबन्धकार एवं यात्रा-वृत्तान्त लेखक।
- साहित्य-कला स्नेही, समाज सेवी, गान्धीवादी, खद्दरप्रेमी, हँसमुख, हाजिर जबाब, धीरे-गंभीर तथा आकर्षक व्यक्तित्व के धनी।

Mr. Bal Krishna Gupta with his son Mr. Pradeep Kumar Gupta (Left), Former President AIGMF; Mr. Sanjay Agarwal (2<sup>nd</sup> from right), Hony. Treasurer AIGMF & Hon. Secretary UPGMS and Mr. Raj Kumar Mittal (right), Vice President AIGMF & President UPGMS



श्री बालकृष्ण गुप्त द्वारा संचालित  
कारखाने और उनके भागीदार

क्रम सं.	सन्	नाम संस्थान	भागीदारों के नाम
1.	1946	गंगा ग्लास वर्क्स, फीरोज़ाबाद	बा. रामसरन, बा. गंगाराम
2.	1948	ओरियन्टल ग्लास वर्क्स, फीरोज़ाबाद	श्री नाथूराम प्रेमी .
3.	1948	इरफान ग्लास वर्क्स, फीरोज़ाबाद	श्री जय कुमार जैन . बा. हजारीलाल जैन .
4.	1948	आदर्श ग्लास वर्क्स, फीरोज़ाबाद	ला. गिरधारी लाल
5.	1948	बापू ग्लास वर्क्स, फीरोज़ाबाद	हाजी इरफान अलीसाहब .
6.	1948	संत ग्लास वर्क्स, फीरोज़ाबाद	मीर फारुख अली .
7.	1948	महावीर ग्लास वर्क्स, फीरोज़ाबाद	बा. सुनहरी लाल जैन
8.	1948	शिव ग्लास वर्क्स, फीरोज़ाबाद	श्रीकृष्णचन्द्र गुप्ता (भैयाजी)
9.	1948	सावित्री ग्लास वर्क्स, फीरोज़ाबाद	श्री विमल नारायण जैन श्री मानिकचन्द्र जैन .
10.	1954	एडवांस ग्लास वर्क्स, फीरोज़ाबाद	श्री रतीराम . श्री बालकृष्ण गोयल .
11.	1960	राजस्थान पिग्मेंट एण्ड कैमीकल्स	बा. हनुमान प्रसाद, आगरा
12.	1970	वैश्य ग्लास वर्क्स, फीरोज़ाबाद	बा. मुंशीलाल, आगरा
13.	1970	दुर्गा ग्लास वर्क्स, फीरोज़ाबाद	श्री त्रिलोकीनाथ अग्रवाल
14.	1970	यूनिक ग्लास वर्क्स, फीरोज़ाबाद	श्री ब्रजभूषण अग्रवाल
15.	1985	ओम् ग्लास वर्क्स, फीरोज़ाबाद	श्री बिहारी लाल शर्मा
16.	1985	पंकज ग्लास वर्क्स, फीरोज़ाबाद	श्री सुरेश चन्द्र दुबे
17.		श्री नाथ कोरोगेट्स	श्री महेशचन्द्र महर्षि श्री विशाल महर्षि
18.		ए.जी. इण्डस्ट्रीज	श्री चकलेश जैन
19.	1985	शंकर साइन्टिफिक ग्लास वर्क्स	श्री धर्मेन्द्र कुमार गुप्ता
20.	1985	आदर्श काँच उद्योग, फीरोज़ाबाद	श्री रामकिशोर गुप्ता
21.	1985	मार्डन ग्लास इण्डस्ट्रीज, फीरोज़ाबाद	श्री सुरेशचन्द्र बंसल
22.	1985	एडवांस कंपोनेन्ट्स प्रा.लि.	श्री प्रवीणचन्द्र जी
23.	1985	एडवांस ग्लास इन्टरनेशनल, दिल्ली	श्री एम.सी. दुबे
24.	1985	डैको पौटरी प्रा.लि., गाजियाबाद	श्री बी.के. शर्मा
25.	1955	डैको ग्लास वर्क्स, गाजियाबाद	
26.	1994	एडवांस लैम्प एण्ड कम्पनी	
27.	1995	एडवांस फ्लाश कं. प्रा.लि., गाजियाबाद	
28.	1996	एडवांस एक्सपोर्ट दिल्ली	

• चिन्हांकित भागीदार दिवंगत हो चुके हैं।



महामहिम राष्ट्रपति श्री फखरुद्दीन अली अहमद  
के एडवांस ग्लास वर्क्स पर पधारने पर

श्री गुप्ताजी की कलम से.....

हैसियत! तेरे लिए क्या नहीं किया मैंने?  
ईमान तक दाव पर लगा दिया मैंने।  
तूने आने के बाद कैसे गुल खिलाये हैं।  
घर में लगता है जैसे अस्पताल आये हैं।

सुख: तुम बहुत मिले, किन्तु दुःख को हटा न सके,  
धन: तुम बहुत मिले, किन्तु हबस को मिटा न सके।



एडवांस ग्लास उद्योग समूह के चेयरमैन 30 प्र० रत्न श्री बालकृष्ण गुप्त के साथ समूह के सदस्य

## FAMILY AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Mr. Gupta proudly informs that his family members are very supportive. His son Mr. Pradeep Kumar Gupta (Former President AIGMF) and grandsons have taken their businesses to new heights.

Mr. Gupta is a well known poet and has authored many Hindi literature books. He likes reading books on poetry and religion in his free time.

He has served as Former President of Brij- Sahitya Sangam, Mathura; Brij Kala Kendra Agra; Mansarovar Sahitya Sangam, Firozabad.

Mr. Gupta along with local industry leaders have funded a Trauma Centre at Firozabad. He is also an active member with many state run NGOs and social welfare groups. He considers TATA Group as his role model when it comes to serving society.

Mr. Gupta is one of founding members of Shri RK Inter College, Kotla and Shri RK Girls High School, Kotla.

## TITLES / ACHIEVEMENTS

President Bangle Association (1939-48)

President AIGMF (1983-84)

President UPGMS (for many terms)

He holds numerous awards i.e. Uttar Pradesh Ratan (A.E. Conference of Intellectual, UP), Arya Bhushan (Gurukul Mahavidyalay, Jwalapur, Haridwar), Sahitya Sevi (Hindi Sahitya Sammelan, Allahabad), Vani Bhushan (A. Bha. Brij- Sahitya Sangam, Mathura) and Bhasha Bhooshan Sahitya Mandal Shri Nathdwara, (Rajasthan), etc.

Apart from Glass Industry, he has also served as President of Industrial Institutions namely; Scientific Glass Manufacturers' Association, Firozabad; National Chamber of Industries and Commerce, Agra and Agra Productivity Council.

Mr. Gupta has widely travelled within India and other parts of the world i.e. Germany, England, France, Russia, and Italy in connection with business.

## GLASS INDUSTRY

Mr. Gupta believes that Industry Associations play a very vital role in bringing all members together on a common platform.

As Executive Committee member of the AIGMF, he encourages all segments of glass industry including small, medium and large scale units to work together and speak one language.

According to Mr. Gupta, Glass

Industry is not doing well in the present scenario, overcapacity is one of the main reasons, which needs correction. He also feels that there is slump in exports. Dumping of glass and glassware mainly by China and other countries has led to economic slowdown.

Anti-Dumping Duty imposed by Govt. of India on the import of raw materials and CENVAT, etc., are other reasons which are affecting growth of Glass Industry. In his view, Govt has done very little to overcome these issues.

Mr. Gupta says, for convenience sake, people are fast switching to plastic disposable items, which poses a great threat to environment and health of the people. He feels that there is an urgent need to run consumer awareness campaigns on the goodness of glass citing environmental and health reasons.

At the same time, Mr. Gupta is of the view that with change in lifestyle and mind-set, more people are demanding eco-friendly products i.e. glass tumblers / bottles / packaging specifically for drug formulations, etc. According to him, Glass being 100% recyclable and environmental friendly product always score more points when compared with other products.



(R to L) Mr. Bal Krishna Gupta with Mr. C. K. Somany, Former AIGMF President; Mr. Bharat Somany, AIGMF Office Bearer; Mr. S.C. Bansal, Former AIGMF President and Mr. Arun Kumar Dukipatti, AIGMF Office Bearer at Executive Committee meeting of AIGMF in Firozabad

*\* Firozabad is a city in India, in the state of Uttar Pradesh also known as City of Bangle. The city is famous for glass and bangle works, and its related small scale industry is famous throughout the world.*