



# 12th AIGMF International Conference

As a backdrop to glasspex INDIA and glasspro INDIA exhibitions and under the aegis of The All India Glass Manufacturers' Federation (AIGMF), a comprehensive two day conference entitled 'What Can Glass Do for You?' was staged on 24-25 February in Greater Noida. This was the next in a series of one day meetings and seminars, as well as two day conferences organised by AIGMF in recent years, particularly in connection with the glass INDIA exhibition, in the presence of and with the participation of international visitors. It represented the organisation's latest event for various aspects of glass science and technology.

With *Glass Worldwide* as official media partner, the AIGMF conference benefited from multiple stakeholder partner involvement from Federation of Safety Glass (FOSG), Confederation of Construction Products and Services (CCPS), Central Glass and Ceramic Research Institute (CSIR-CGCRI) and Glazing Society of India (GSI). The event was supported by leading glassmakers and related companies, including HNGIL, HNG Float, Nirmal Glasstech Industries, Dukhiram Maurya Engineering Co, La Opala RG Ltd and Mascot Engineering.

The conference was broadly divided into four sessions, covering the following main business interests:

- Glass as a vital building material



The conference opening address was delivered by Harsha Kadam, AIGMF President.

- for smart and solar cities.
- Processed or tailor-made glasses.
- Container glass for Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan.
- Specialty glass (tableware, opal, crystal, figured etc).

Among the specialist presentations delivered were:

- 'The future of high performance all electric glass melting' (René Meuleman and Seetharaman Jayaraman, Eurotherm by Schneider Electric).
- 'The importance of design and specification for the forehearh and distributor' (Simon Parkinson, Parkinson-Spencer Refractories).
- 'Container glass forming in 2020/2025: The dark factory' (Joop Dalstra, XPAR Vision).
- 'Glass: Enhancing quality of life and conserving energy' (Sanjeev Agarwal, Asahi India Glass).
- 'Smart solar glass for solar cities' (Sandip Banerjee, Gujarat Borosil).
- 'Building envelope - Warm and humid climate' (Madhavi Subramanian Patri, HNG Float).
- 'Developing sustainable solutions for smart cities' (Sourabh Kankar, Gujarat Guardian).
- 'Glass: A healthy packaging material - Pharma and injectable packaging' (Sanjay Jain and Sanjay Tiwari, Piramal Glass).



Simon Parkinson of Parkinson-Spencer Refractories was among this year's speakers.

- 'Environmental benefits of glass usage' (Vinay Saran, HNG).

The full conference schedule is available on the AIGMF website, where papers can also be downloaded. AIGMF also used the occasion to officially release its 2017 issue of the Indian Glass Directory during the opening session. ■

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XPAR Vision's Joop Dalstra with AIGMF President, Harsha Kadam.