

## GLASS INDUSTRY MEETS AT GUWAHATI TO CONCLUDE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF GLASS CELEBRATIONS IN INDIA

First ever AIGMF's Hybrid meeting as well as Executive Committee meeting was organised at Radisson Blu Hotel in Guwahati, ASSAM on Dec 10, which was hosted by North East Sillimanite Refractories, an Affiliate Member of The All India Glass Manufacturers' Federation (AIGMF).

The event saw technical presentations by the Competition Commission of India, GoI; SEFPRO/SEPR India, concluding IYoG 2022 lecture by CGCRI and release of AIGMF's 2023 calendar on 'Green as Glass'. All events were centered around International Year of Glass 2022 celebrations.

In a technical session moderated by Mr. Dave Fordham of Glass Worldwide (Honorary AIGMF member), Mr. Umesh Kumar IPS, State Resource







Person, Competition Commission of India, Government of India gave a presentation on "Competition Law for Trade Associations and Enterprises"; and Mr. Cyril Linnot and



Mr. Suraj Kumar of SEFPRO/SEPR India discussed the application of self-flow monolithics to prolong the life of glass melting furnaces in hot and cold repairs.

Mr. Umesh Kumar and Mr. Tanuj Goswami gave an Overview on the Competition Act, its objectives and functions. Inquiry, Investigation, Coverage, Powers of the Commission were also highlighted by citing suitable case records. The Presentation was well appreciated by the participating members who were around 50 comprising of glass manufacturers, affiliate members of AIGMF, special invitees etc.

A concluding lecture by Dr. K. Annapurna, Chief Scientist, Glass Division, CSIR-Central Glass & Ceramic Research Institute, summarised International Year of Glass (IYoG) activities in India. Commemorative



IYoG glass bottles specially made by AGI glaspac and HNG from the recycled glass were also awarded.

A highlight of the meeting was the release of the AIGMF calendar 2023





on the theme 'Green as Glass', a project centered on IYoG celebrations and featuring 2022 winners of the AIGMF's annual contest for youth: the first-ever poem/essay writing contest on 'Green as Glass' that coincided with the International Youth Day.

Delegates learned about the opportunities for investment in the northeast region, including subsidies offered by the Government of Assam and the advantages of the area's availability of natural gas, limestone, dolomite, sillimanite, mullite and corundum.







Mr. Tanuj Samaddar (who lives in Assam), 2020 winner of the AIGMF's 'Drawing Competition 3.0' on the theme 'Glass Protects', addressed attendees in Guwahati and enthused about glass as "the only 100% recyclable packaging and building material."

NES hosted 2 dinner receptions on Dec 9 and 10 where cultural programme showcased the indigenous Bihu folk dance, an important part of Assamese culture. NES organised an accompanying tour to the holy city and delegates visited the Kamakhya Temple.





"Most of the glass manufacturers present in the event have been using NES products and they expressed their full satisfaction on the quality, service and performance of the products" commented Mr. Aman Gupta, Managing Partner of North East Sillimanite (a unit of NES Refractories LLP).

NES, located in Guwahati, is successfully utilising local resources and providing world class bonded refractories and monolithics to the container, float, solar, sheet, figured and opal glass sectors in India and abroad with products such as high alumina (42–99%  $Al_2O_3$ ) and basic refractories including 88–



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98% magnesia, magnesia-zircon, magnesia-zirconia-alumina and special refractories zircon and zircon-mullite.

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Select photos and presentations of the event can be downloaded from: <https://aigmf.com/past-events.php>

The next Executive Committee meeting is slated to be held at Jaipur on March 25 where in addition to the technical presentations, investment opportunities in the state of Rajasthan will be discussed with RICCO officials.

All Members are invited to be a part of these discussions and to celebrate 80 years of the AIGMF ■

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Members of the Federation are classified into two categories; manufacturers of primary glass articles are enrolled as **Ordinary Members** of the Federation and suppliers to the glass industry viz., suppliers of machinery, raw materials, consultants and others connected with the glass industry are enrolled as **Affiliate Members**.

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- Northern India Glass Manufacturers' Association (NIGMA)
- South India Glass Manufacturers' Association (SIGMA)
- Uttar Pradesh Glass Manufacturers' Syndicate (UPGMS)
- Western India Glass Manufacturers' Association (WIGMA)



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