



## **'Glass in our Lives' is a boon says the Youth**

*-Photography winners announced on the International Youth Day-*

**August 12, 2021, Delhi:** In May 2021, the General Assembly of the UNITED NATIONS approved the Year 2022 as International Year of Glass (IYOG2022). Many Glass related activities are planned worldwide; as a kickstart to these events and a partner organisation in INDIA, AIGMF announced its 1<sup>st</sup> Photography Contest for the age group between 7-24 years on the theme: *Glass in our Lives*. Entries were invited online at [info@aigmf.com](mailto:info@aigmf.com) by July 31, with results to be announced on the International Youth Day on August 12.

Following distinguished Jury Members representing a cross section of glass sectors and regions decided the top 3 photographs out of approx., 7,000 entries received from educational institutes and Youth across India:

- Mr. Sanjay Somany, Former President AIGMF and CMD HNG Inds. Ltd.
- Mr. Sanjay Ganjoo, Former President AIGMF and COO Asahi India Glass Ltd.
- Dr. Suman Kumari Mishra, FNASc, Director CSIR-Central Glass and Ceramic Research Institute and Adjunct Prof. AcSIR and Ex-Dean Eng. Sc. AcSIR
- Prof. Manoj Choudhary, Former President Int'l Commission on Glass, Adjunct Prof. Materials Science & Engineering, The Ohio State University and President, MKC Innovations, LLC (USA)
- Dr. Arun K. Varshneya, Emeritus Professor (Glass Science) Alfred University and President Saxon Glass Technologies, Inc. (USA)
- Mr. Dave Fordham, Publisher Glass Worldwide (UK)

1<sup>st</sup> Prize (Rs. 20,000) was given to S. Christy Laura aged 15 years, 10<sup>th</sup> class student of Sri Akilandeswari Vidyalaya, (Trichy) Tamil Nadu

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize (Rs. 10,000) was given to Medhansh Singhla aged 8 years, 3<sup>rd</sup> class student of Delhi Public School (Vasant Vihar) New Delhi

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize (Rs. 5,000) was given to Brijesh Jethva aged 22 years from (Junagadh) Gujarat

*"The AIGMF's 1<sup>st</sup> Photography Contest proved a worthy kickstart to the Federation's planned activities for the International Year of Glass 2022 and Glass Worldwide was very pleased to be involved in the process. The jury were presented with a vast selection of wide-ranging photographs to evaluate under the 'Glass in our Lives' theme, many of which were of a very high standard. All entrants should be commended for supporting the initiative and following a thorough judging process, I offer sincere congratulations to the winners",* said Mr. Dave Fordham, Publisher – Glass Worldwide.

*"The enthusiasm shown by the Youth through a large participation highlights the importance of Glass in our daily lives. Not just photographs but some very good artwork of glass decorations, paintings were also submitted by the school children, emerging out of this interesting project. AIGMF would sincerely like to thank Education Departments of Delhi Government and other States, who helped us connecting with thousands of children on this educative project",* commented the Secretary AIGMF, Mr. Vinit Kapur.

Formal award ceremony would be held parallel to the virtual Annual General Meeting of the AIGMF on Sept 10, where an online exhibition of select photos of the event would also be unveiled, which would form a part of a touring exhibition on the theme 'Glass in our Lives'. Detailed coverage and best entries will be published in Kanch (*Glass*) and Glass Worldwide, preferred international journal of AIGMF in association with Kanch (a quarterly journal of AIGMF).

Lucky 500 entries will be given a specially designed empty Glass Bottle made out of recycled glass (*manufactured by Hindustan National Glass & Industries Ltd., under its CSR initiative*), carrying logos of International Year of Glass 2022 and Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan (*Clean India Campaign*).

**Winning entries 1<sup>st</sup> Prize | 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize | 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize** can be viewed at [www.aigmf.com](http://www.aigmf.com)