

‘Youth’ help setting tone for the International Year of Glass 2022 activities in India; Awards given to Students and Industry Members



Sept 10, 2021, NEW DELHI: **Chief Guest Dr. Reinhard Conradt, Vice President and President Elect of the International Commission on Glass** unveiled a touring exhibition on 'Glass in our Lives' at the virtual Annual General Meeting of the All India Glass Manufacturers' Federation (AIGMF). Online entries were invited from the age group between 7-24 years to participate in the 1st Photography Contest, a kickstart event to mark International Year of Glass 2022 activities in India.

A distinguished Jury of 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 International 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).*

A digitized version of the exhibits may be viewed at: www.aigmf.com

Dr. Suman Kumari Mishra, Director, Council of Scientific & Industrial Research - Central Glass & Ceramic Research Institute (CSIR-CGCRI), Kolkata felicitated the winning students. **1st Prize** (Rs. 20,000) was given to *S. Christy Laura aged 15 years, 10th class student of Sri Akilandeswari Vidyalaya, (Trichy) Tamil Nadu.* **2nd Prize** (Rs. 10,000) was given to *Medhansh Singhla aged 8 years, 3rd class student of Delhi Public School (Vasant Vihar) New Delhi* and **3rd Prize** (Rs. 5,000) was given to *Brijesh Jethva aged 22 years from (Junagadh) Gujarat.* The roadshow will travel to other cities showcasing the vital role of Glass, being the only 100% recyclable packaging and building material.

Former Presidents; Mr. Sanjay Somany and Mr. Mukul Somany gave the prestigious annual **‘CK Somany Award for Innovation and Technology’** to Mr. Udit Kapoor, Director, Kapoor Glass India Pvt Ltd., Mumbai. The **‘Balkrishna Gupta Award for Exports’** was bestowed to M/s Borosil Renewables Ltd., by the Former President, Mr. Pradeep Gupta. Both awards are supported by Glass Worldwide, preferred international journal of the AIGMF in association with Kanch.

Mr. Udit Kapoor represents the 3rd Generation at Kapoor Glass. He completed his Electromechanical Engineering from The University of Southampton in 2004 and has been involved in the family business. His primary focus is to innovate and build equipment and systems to improve product quality and efficiency to meet the growing International requirements and meet customer expectations in terms of quality at affordable costs.

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Kapoor Glass India Pvt Ltd., is one of India's leading manufacturers and exporters of high-quality glass ampoules, tubular vials, Insulin & Dental cartridges, perfume samplers, and laboratory test tubes. With a manufacturing base in India, they serve 32 countries including highly regulated markets in the Americas, Europe, and Japan.

Borosil Renewables Ltd., the first and only solar glass manufacturer in India, part of the Borosil group, are proud manufacturers of "World's First" Antimony-free solar glass and fully tempered 2mm solar glass. The Company is adding another 2.5 GW equivalent and will be a 5.0 GW equivalent solar glass manufacturer by July 2022 and will add a further 2.5 GW equivalent for commissioning in April 2023 to take it to 7.5 GW. It is targeting to raise exports significantly once the additional production is available from July 2022.

The jury for Industry awards comprised of Dr. K. Annapurna, Senior Principal Scientist, Glass Division, CSIR-Central Glass & Ceramic Research Institute (CSIR-CGCRI); Mr. Dave Fordham, Publisher, Glass Worldwide, London (UK); Mr. Sanjay Somany, Former President AIGMF and CMD HNG Industries Ltd.; Mr. P K Kheruka, Former President AIGMF and Chairman Borosil Ltd.; and Mr. Vinit Kapur, Secretary AIGMF.

"I heartily congratulate Mr. Udit Kapoor of Kapoor Glass India Pvt. Ltd. to receive the prestigious CK Somany award for Innovation and technology for developing indigenously hot-end camera system along with operating software to achieve online automation control over key production parameters to end up with quality production of glass vials of international standards. This is certainly towards attaining a country's self-reliance in such a critical technology. Equally, I applaud M/s Borosil Renewables to bag yet another esteemed Balkrishna Gupta award for its achievements in quality productions and exports. I feel privileged to be part of the Jury to select such worthy contenders for these 4th AIGMF glass awards" said Dr. K. Annapurna, Senior Principal Scientist, CSIR-CGCRI.

"The inhouse achievements overseen by Mr. Udit Kapoor during the integration of advanced technology into Kapoor Glass' production line of ampoules and vials cannot be underestimated and have resulted in multiple benefits. It was a pleasure for Glass Worldwide to be part of the judging process and we offer congratulations to Mr. Kapoor and Kapoor Glass as worthy winners of the prestigious C K Somany Award 2021. Congratulations also to Borosil Renewables who are deservedly recognised for tremendous export figures during unprecedented global market conditions. The company is investing significantly into its operations and its progress has deservedly been acknowledged with multiple honours recently, crowned with the AIGMF's 2021 Balkrishna Gupta Award for Exports.", said Mr. Dave Fordham, Publisher – Glass Worldwide.

As a token of appreciation, Lucky 500 photo 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).

About the All India Glass Manufacturers' Federation (AIGMF):

As the National Apex Body of the Glass Industry, the AIGMF undertakes socially responsible steps as a voluntary service to society, thereby bringing increased awareness of Glass being a safe and 100% recyclable building and packaging material.