



The All India Glass Manufacturers' Federation



Apex Industry Body launches Children's vision on 'Glass Protects'

School children and outstanding Members honoured

Sept 15, 2020, New Delhi: **Chief Guest Prof. Alicia Durán** (Research Professor CSIC-Spanish National Research Council) and **President of International Commission on Glass**, Madrid, SPAIN unveiled a touring exhibition on 'Glass Protects' at the Annual General Meeting of the All India Glass Manufacturers' Federation (AIGMF). Online entries from children between 7-16 years were taken on captioned theme. A jury of former presidents, Mr. Sanjay Somany, Mr. Sanjay Ganjoo & Mr. S.C. Bansal picked the top 3 drawings out of 3,000 entries received from schools across India. **A digitized version of the exhibits may be viewed at: www.aigmf.com**

Dr. K Muraleedharan, Director, Council of Scientific & Industrial Research - Central Glass & Ceramic Research Institute (**CSIR-CGCRI**), Kolkata felicitated the winning students. *1st Prize (₹ 15,000) to Tanuj Samaddar aged 15 years, a Class 10 student of SERS Public School District Kamrup (Assam); 2nd Prize (₹ 10,000) to Priyal Singh aged 13 years, a Class 8 student of Global City International School, Bangalore (Karnataka); 3rd Prize (₹ 5,000) to S. Christy Laura aged 14 years, a Class 9 student of Sri Akilandeswari Vidyalaya, Trichy (Tamil Nadu).* 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 Mukul Somany gave the prestigious annual '**CK Somany Award for Innovation and Technology**' to Dr. Mukul Chandra Paul, Sr. Principal Scientist, CGCRI, Kolkata. The '**Balkrishna Gupta Award for Exports**' was bestowed to M/s La Opala RG 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.

Dr. Mukul Chandra Paul is a senior OSA member along with IEEE and life member of Materials Research Society of India (MRSI) and Indian Ceramic Society (ICS). He holds 7 U.S. patents, 4 Indian patents and published 7 book chapters, edited two books on 'Fiber Laser' and authored over 300 SCI papers in peer-reviewed journals and Conferences. Dr. Paul has received many awards, including BOYSCAST Fellowship from DST, IEEE Photonic Distinguished Lecture Award by Multimedia University, Malaysia, CSIR Technology Award for Innovation, Senior Visiting Scientist award by National Taiwan University of Technology (NTUT), Taiwan, to name a few.

La Opala RG Ltd., introduced Opal Glass technology to India in the year 1988. Since then, it has progressed to captivate lifestyle consumers, with an impressive supply chain that caters to over 40 Countries, besides being a household name in India".

The Jury for the awards comprised of Dr. K. Annapurna, Senior Principal Scientist, CSIR-CGCRI, Kolkata; Mr. Dave Fordham, Publisher, Glass Worldwide, London (UK); Mr. Sanjay Somany, Chairman & Managing Director – HNG & Ind. Ltd.; Mr. M.K. Bansal of Shri Sitaram Glass Works, Firozabad (UP) & Mr. Vinit Kapur, Secretary AIGMF.

Newly elected **AIGMF President, Mr. Bharat Somany** said, "*The Instilling of Quality, Safety & Environmental consciousness in the minds of the next generation is a mantle the Glass Industry carries faithfully. I am grateful for the unprecedented participation and efforts of the students and congratulate them all heartily. The worthy recognition of Dr. Mukul Chandra Paul and La Opala RG Ltd. for their tremendous contribution in the fields of Innovation & Technology and Exports respectively, is a matter of great pride for the Industry*".

"*Congratulations to Dr. Mukul Chandra Paul and La Opala RG Ltd., on their respective AIGMF awards. Dr. Paul's tremendous achievements in the field of technology were clear to the judging panel as a more than worthy winner of the prestigious 2020 CK Somany Award. With a brand that is appreciated globally, it is also very fitting for La Opala to receive recognition of their exceptional international trade with this year's Balkrishna Gupta Award for Exports.*" said Mr. Dave Fordham, Publisher of Glass Worldwide.

As a token of appreciation, the first 200 entrants to the drawing competition were presented with a glass water bottle showcasing the Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan (Clean India Campaign) Logo (courtesy of HNG & Ind. Ltd).