

# GLASSPEX India 2011 maintains growth



More than 4000 visitors attended GLASSPEX India 2011 in Mumbai last January.



Bal Krishna Gupta, former President of the AIGMF and President of UPGMS, officially opens the event, supported by other local glass industry dignitaries.

The second GLASSPEX India exhibition, held at the Bombay Exhibition Centre last January, was acknowledged as a successful marketplace for the Indian subcontinent's glass industry, with 176 exhibitors from 19 countries and 4072 visitors to Mumbai.

Exhibitors presented the entire value creation chain of the glass manufacturing process, including primary production, processing and glass applications, participating companies including Bottero, DSF Refractories, Emhart Glass, Grenzabach, Hindustan National Glass, Saint-Gobain SEFPRO, Shamvik Glasstech, Bassra Machine Tools, Den Breven, CUMI, IAG, Gujarat Borosil, K-bond, Techno Trade Links and Zippe Industrieanlagen.

More visitors than in 2009, good networking and promising contacts and projects - that is how VDMA Forum Glass Technology, partner of GLASSPEX India, summarised the show. Now German exhibitors anticipate successful post-show business. "There will be tremendous demand for glass in India over the next few decades, which holds great potential for machine builders" observed Dr Bernd-Holger Zippe, Chairman of the VDMA Forum Glass Technology. "Taking this into account, as well as the excellent development of the exhibition within two years, VDMA looks forward to a very good outlook for the next show in 2013."

Michele Gusti, Managing Director

of OCMI said: "I am very pleased that all our customers from India visited the stand. We also have some very interesting new prospects."

Wolfgang Schulze-Kadelbach, Sales Manager at Gardner Denver, added: "This location was better than the last GLASSPEX exhibition, with excellent road connections. In just three days, maximum interaction with customers was possible."

UV Printers India Pvt Ltd, who participated for the first time, confirmed that the digital printing technology and glass and ceramics presented generated tremendous interest among visitors. "That can only happen if the visitors are knowledgeable."

## DIVERSIFIED CONFERENCE OPTIONS

The second Glass Performance Days India focused on topics such as glass architecture, flat glass and solar technology. More than 100 national and international visitors attended on each of the two conference days.

Dave Fordham, Publishing and Events Director at *Glass Worldwide*, praised the synergies achieved between the trade fair and the congress. "It is impressive to see how Messe Düsseldorf has put its stamp on the event and expanded it so that GLASSPEX is now a major highlight of the global glass industry calendar. The accompanying GPD and solar conference added significant value for visitors."



GPD India organiser Brown Onduso with Hans Mahrenholtz of Glass Global delivering his paper 'Challenge of Producing Dedicated Glass for PV Applications'.

The accompanying first Solar Industry Summit India" conference focused on the areas of development, financing and realisation of production facilities, the latest production technologies and the international solar power market, as well as the current quality assurance standards. This was the first time that this technical conference, organised in co-operation with Solarpraxis AG, has taken place and attended by about 100 representatives from Indian and international solar power companies, suppliers and investors.

Some 150 industry representatives also gathered at the ninth conference of the All India Glass Manufacturers' Federation to discuss recent developments under the theme 'Managing sustainable growth'.

In addition, the second special 'Glass technology live goes India' was held, an especially popular event with architects, civil engineers, planners and designers.

The next GLASSPEX India is scheduled for 20-22 March 2013 in Mumbai. ■

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