

Children's vision of 'Glass Protects' unveiled in India



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Chief Guest Professor Alicia Durán (Research Professor CSIC-Spanish National Research Council) and President of International Commission on Glass) unveiled a touring exhibition on 'Glass Protects' at the Annual General Meeting of the All India Glass Manufacturers' Federation last September.



Bharat Somany, recently elected AIGMF President, alongside former President Sanjay Somany with the prestigious C K Somany Award.



Managing Director of La Opala, Ajit Jhunjhunwala accepted the 2020 Balkrishna Gupta Award for Exports.



Dr Mukul Chandra Paul, 2020 winner of the C K Somany Award.

Online entries from children aged between seven and sixteen were taken on a captioned theme. A jury of former Presidents Sanjay Somany, Sanjay Ganjoo and SC Bansal selected the top three drawings from 3000 entries

received from schools across India.

A digitised version of the exhibits can be viewed at www.aigmf.com.

During the AGM, former AIGMF Presidents Sanjay Somany and Mukul Somany awarded the prestigious annual 'C K Somany Award for Innovation and Technology' to Dr Mukul Chandra Paul, Sr Principal Scientist, Central Glass & Ceramic Research Institute (CGCRI), Kolkata. Separately, the 'Balkrishna Gupta Award for Exports' was awarded to M/s La Opala RG Ltd by former President Pradeep Gupta. Both awards are supported by *Glass Worldwide*, preferred international journal of the AIGMF in association with *Kanch*.



Mr M K Bansal of Shri Sitaram Glass Works and Dr K Annapurna of CSIR-CGCRI were part of the AIGMF Awards judging panel.





A selection of the judges for the AIGMF Awards, from left to right: Dave Fordham (Glass Worldwide), Sanjay Somany (HNG), Bharat Somany (HNG) and Vinit Kapur (AIGMF).

Dr Mukul Chandra Paul is a senior OSA member along with IEEE and a life member of Materials Research Society of India and the Indian Ceramic Society. He holds seven US patents, four Indian patents and has published seven 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 the BOYSCAST Fellowship from DST, IEEE Photonic Distinguished Lecture Award by Multimedia University, Malaysia, CSIR Technology Award for Innovation and the Senior Visiting Scientist award by National Taiwan University of Technology.



Seen here at Glass Focus 2019, Professor Alicia Durán was the chief guest at the Annual General Meeting of the All India Glass Manufacturers' Federation.

La Opala RG Ltd introduced opal glass technology to India in 1988. Since then, it has progressed to captivate lifestyle consumers, with an impressive supply chain that delivers to over 40 countries, besides being a household name in India.

The awards jury comprised Dr K Annapurna, Senior Principal Scientist, CSIR-CGCRI, Kolkata; Dave Fordham, Publisher, *Glass Worldwide*; Sanjay Somany, Chairman and Managing Director, HNG & Ind Ltd; MK Bansal of Shri Sitaram Glass Works, Firozabad (UP); and Vinit Kapur, Secretary, AIGMF.

Commenting on the day's proceedings, recently elected AIGMF President, Bharat Somany said: "The instilling of quality, safety and 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 and technology and exports respectively is a matter of great

pride for the industry."

Glass Worldwide's Dave Fordham also congratulated 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 C K 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." ●



The C K Somany Award for Innovation and Technology is given to an individual who has made significant contributions to the glass industry in the field or fields of manufacturing, product development, environmental factors, business performance/growth, research and development and/or science/technology.

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