



The All India Glass Manufacturers Federation

Apex body for Glass Industry celebrates 75-years by honouring school children and industry legends

Sept 27, 2019, New Delhi: The All India Glass Manufacturers Federation (AIGMF) celebrated its platinum jubilee on Sept 27 at The Ashok, New Delhi. Hon. Minister of State for Jal Shakti as well as Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment, Mr. Rattan Lal Kataria, was the Chief Guest. Mr. Manish Asija, Member of the Legislative Assembly from Firozabad (Uttar Pradesh) accompanied the Hon. Minister showcasing full zeal and commitment for the Glass Industry.

A roadshow on 'Adopt a Glass Bottle' was kicked-off, displaying select drawings by school children on Glass Packaging aiding the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (Clean India Campaign), a vision set by the Hon. Prime Minister on the path laid by Mahatma Gandhi. Along with the paintings, an exhibition of glass water bottles and other packaging solutions were also put on display. The roadshow will travel to other cities showcasing the vital role of Glass, being the only 100% recyclable packaging material.

Winning students were given cash prizes by the Hon. Minister:

- 1st Prize (Rs. 10,000) to Archisha Shyam aged 13 years, Class 8 student of Orchids International School, (Jalahalli) Bangalore.
- 2nd Prize (Rs.7,000) to Pranav Singh aged 11 years, Class 6 student of Bal Bharti School, Bahadurgarh (Haryana)
- 3rd Prize (Rs. 5,000) to Swastik Saha aged 10 years, Class 5 student of Bal Bharti School, Bahadurgarh (Haryana)

The Hon. Minister also gave the AIGMF Glass Awards- 'CK Somany Award for Innovation and Technology' to Mr. B.L. Kheruka of Gujarat Borosil Ltd., and 'Balkrishna Gupta Award for Exports' to M/s Firozabad Glass Shell Industries.

Mr. B.L. Kheruka, born in 1930 is a pioneer in the glass industry. The Chairman of India's leading specialty glass manufacturing group, Borosil Glass Works Ltd., he presides over multiple verticals, including laboratory-ware pharma packaging (comprising of vials and ampoules), consumer goods and solar glass.

Mr. Raj Kumar Mittal, President AIGMF said, "*Firozabad Glass Shell Industries has been engaged in the manufacture of Doubled Walled Glass Refills (Glass Liners) for Vacuum Flasks since its inception in 1980. FGSI is today the largest Manufacturer - Exporter of Glass Refills from India with a share of about 65% of India's export of this product. The company is owned by Mr. Ram Kishore Gupta, Mr. Dharmendra Mohan Gupta and Mr. Sunil Mohan Gupta, who have long experience of over 3 decades in different spheres of glass production*".

The Jury for these awards comprised of:

- Dr. K. Annapurna, Senior Principal Scientist, Glass Division, Central Glass & Ceramic Research Institute (CSIR-CGCRI), Kolkata
- Mr. Dave Fordham, Publisher, Glass Worldwide, London (UK)
- Mr. Bharat Somany, Senior Vice President - AIGMF and Vice President – HNG & Industries Ltd.
- Mr. M.K. Bansal, Executive Committee Member AIGMF and Partner, Shri Sitaram Glass Works, Firozabad (UP)
- Mr. Vinit Kapur, Secretary AIGMF, Delhi

"The contribution of Mr B.L. Kheruka to the Indian glass industry for more than fifty years cannot be overstated, right through from founding Window Glass Ltd. in the 1960s to building the Borosil brand and overseeing the company's evolution to become the leading specialty glassware enterprise in India. He is a most worthy recipient of the 2019 CK Somany Award for Innovation and Technology, and Glass Worldwide is pleased to support the AIGMF in recognizing Mr. Kheruka's achievements and those of his family. We also offer sincere congratulations to Firozabad Glass Shell Industries upon being recognized for their export contributions with the 2019 Balakrishna Gupta Award" said Mr. Dave Fordham, Publisher of Glass Worldwide, the preferred journal of AIGMF in association with Kanch (quarterly journal of the AIGMF).

As a CSR initiative, The AIGMF gifted 100 Glass Water Bottles with the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan Logo to The Ashok. Also, as a token of appreciation, the first 100 drawing competition entrants were gifted a glass water bottle with the Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan (Clean India Campaign) Logo, (manufactured by Hindustan National Glass & Ind. Ltd.).

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