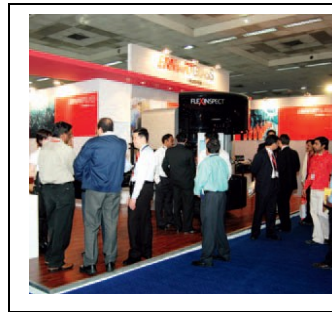


1st GLASSPEX INDIA (2–4 December 2009)
PragatiMaidan, New Delhi, India

The event was held from 2nd to 4th December 2009 and had 139 exhibitors from over 20 countries as well as over 3,200 registered trade visitors.



“Qualified information”, “interesting new aspects”, “valuable suggestions”, were just a few of the remarks made by visitors, on the one hand. The exhibitors, on the other hand, were taken by the very specific and well guided interest shown by the visitors and their level of knowledge.

The companies that exhibited had come with bundles of optimism and a wealth of innovations, and their expectations were fully met. In a difficult economic climate that hasn't spared the glass industry, GLASSPEX INDIA 2009 offered an excellent opportunity to conquer a wide variety of sectors.

Representatives from the building trade, the pharmaceuticals industry, the food and beverage sector, the booming communications market and the car industry gathered at the Pragati Maidan Exhibition Centre in New Delhi from 2–4 December.

Demand and supply for the entire supply chain, from glass production and refinement through to glass applications, were perfectly in tune with each other.

The technical discussions at the booths saw a pleasingly direct exchange of ideas, with interesting and promising contacts made and even some contracts signed. The professional associations which backed it praised GLASSPEX INDIA as a platform for international innovation.

The All India Glass Manufacturers' Federation (AIGMF) organised its 8th conference on “Cutting Cost through Increase in Productivity” as part of GLASSPEX INDIA, which provided interesting insights into the industry. The special show “glass technology live goes India” on solar energy generation was another highlight for the sector, particularly in this country that is spoiled with so much sunshine, providing ideal conditions to exploit solar power to the full.

The exhibitors received a great number of very interested trade visitors, new business contacts and promising enquiries from both SMEs as well as large corporations in the industry, not only from that region, but even from countries as far flung as Singapore, Malaysia and Iran.

Representatives of trade press who attended were also impressed. "GLASSPEX INDIA offered an outstanding opportunity to bolster the position of our magazine in this key region. The quality and quantity of the visitors to our booth far exceeded our expectations", said Dave Fordham from the British trade magazine "Glass Worldwide".

High-class accompanying conference

Parallel to GLASSPEX INDIA 2009, the 8th International Glass Technology Conference organized by the AIGMF was held. The event, which is highly respected internationally, was directed at representatives from industry and politics and covered the current developments and trends in the glass industry, presented market opportunities and provided information about technical aspects.



In several lectures and topical sessions professionals had the opportunity to discuss:

- the state of the glass industry and its future
- recent market developments and opportunities
- investments and future plans
- technical aspects and issues
- new projects

The conference was held concurrent to the show and formed an ideal networking platform for establishing valuable business contacts.

Special show displaying state-of-the-art solar technology

"Solar energy generation" was the subject of the special show glass technology live goes India that premiered at GLASSPEX INDIA. Nine companies from Germany, Austria and the Netherlands presented innovative solar panels, glass and solar energy systems, solar thermal collectors and photovoltaic cells in a display of trendsetting developments and applications. The special show supplemented the range of products and services supplied by the 139 exhibitors that are participating in the first edition of GLASSPEX INDIA.

The following companies were taking part and have shown their innovations:

- Glaswerke Arnold GmbH & Co. KG
- Kuraray Europe GmbH
- Narva Trade Solartechnik
- Scheuten Solar
- Solarfocus
- Solarwatt AG
- Sulfurcell
- Sunways AG
- Wagner & Co. Solartechnik GmbH

