

Youth upbeat on use of 'Glass in Institutions'

PRESS RELEASE- Annual Youth contest winners announced

August 12, 2026: More than 2000 students from schools and colleges across India and some foreign countries in the age group between 7-24 years participated by means of poems, drawings, photography, etc., in The All India Glass Manufacturers' Federation (AIGMF) Annual Youth contest on 'Glass in Institutions' or संस्थानों में कांच।

1st Prize (Rs. 25,000) was given to ANANYA BAZAD aged 14 Years, 10th class student of Pathania Public School, Rohtak HARYANA

2nd Prize (Rs. 15,000) was given to DEEKSHITHA MS aged 23 Years, 6th year student of Pharma (D) Integrated, Annamalai University, Annamalai Nagar TAMIL NADU

3rd Prize (Rs. 10,000 each) were given to:

- a) SHREYA TAHLAN aged 17 years, 12th class student of Bal Bharti School, Bahadurgarh HARYANA
- b) SHLOK GUPTA aged 14 years, 9th class student of PM Shri Kendriya Vidyalaya, Sattenapalli ANDHRA PRADESH

The Jury comprised of Mr. Gurmeet Singh, Chairman, Federation of Safety Glass (FOSG) and Managing Director, Gurind India (P) Ltd.; Mr. G N Gohul Deepak, Executive Director, Glazing Society of India (GSI); Mr. Dave Fordham, Member of the Editorial Board at KANCH, Global Engagement Lead at Glass Futures, St. Helens (UK) and former publisher of Glass Worldwide, London (UK); and Mr. Vinit Kapur, Secretary of The All India Glass Manufacturers' Federation (AIGMF).

"Year on year, the competition has garnered greater traction, with entries received from multiple countries. The competition evolved as a sustainable initiative of AIGMF, one that inspires and encourages the youth of the Nation to understand and cherish the significance of Glass in their lives." said Mr. G N Gohul Deepak, Executive Director, Glazing Society of India (GSI).

"The quality and quantity of entries in the Glass in Institutions competition was extremely impressive, demonstrating a heartwarming level of passion, creativity and attention to detail from the younger generation. Sincere congratulations not only to the worthy winners, but to every entrant who took part and is helping communicate the many qualities of Glass" said Mr. Dave Fordham, Member of the Editorial Board at KANCH, Global Engagement Lead at Glass Futures, St. Helens (UK) and former publisher of Glass Worldwide, London (UK).

"Glass is an integral part of any institutional building which has been wonderfully showcased by the young participants who have made phenomenal efforts in order to make an excellent presentation which is highly appreciated. They were so well expressed that it became a challenge to rate them and select the winners. A pat on the back of all the talented and enthusiastic entrants. Well done! Keep it up". said Mr. Gurmeet Singh, Chairman, Federation of Safety Glass (FOSG) and Managing Director, Gurind India (P) Ltd.

"The nos. and quality of entries depict that the Youth has a large role to play in educating the general masses on the use of green building material 'Glass' for healthy living" said Secretary of The All India Glass Manufacturers' Federation (AIGMF) Mr. Vinit Kapur.

The cash prizes for the winners were sponsored by Schott Glass India Pvt. Ltd, a 100% subsidiary of the German technology group SCHOTT AG. SCHOTT is one of the world's leading manufacturers of special glass tubing, FIOLAX® established and long-standing experience since 1911. Most recently, SCHOTT, a global pioneer in specialty glass announced the addition of syringe and cartridge glass tubing reinforcing SCHOTT's commitment to the 'Make in India' initiative. This strategic action positions the company as Asia's largest producer of syringe and cartridge glass tubing.

Mr. Pawan Kumar Shukla, Managing Director of Schott Glass India Pvt. Ltd., and Hon. Treasurer AIGMF congratulated the winning students and said *that the brilliant ideas shared by the young minds will help to create more eco-friendly living societies.*

Top 200 entries will get specially designed Glass Mementos. Winning entries can be viewed at www.aigmf.com