



Press Release

AIS Felicitates Architects and Designers of Tomorrow as It announces Winners of the AIS Glass Design Olympiad 4.0.



Mumbai (India) February 24, 2023 – Asahi India Glass Ltd (AIS) is proud to announce the winners of 4th edition of ‘AIS Design Olympiad’. This year AIS Design Olympiad was held in hybrid mode (the regional rounds were held on a virtual platform while the final event was held on 28th Jan’23 in Mumbai. Asahi India Glass Ltd (AIS) is India’s largest integrated glass solutions company and a dominant player, both in automotive and value-added architectural glass segment and the AIS Design Olympiad is its effort to bring academia and industry closer and bridge the gap between learning and real-life experiences.

After receiving an overwhelming response from the institutes and the students across India, AIS and its esteemed panel of judges were finally able to unveil the winners in a star studded showcase in the presence of leading architects from the industry.

The competition was judged by the eminent national Jury panel comprising of revered Jurors – Ar. Sonali Bhagwati (President at DPA, New Delhi), Ar. Vivek Bhole (Vivek Bhole Architects, Mumbai), our curator (Mr. Mahesh Arumugam (Director at Meinhardt Façade Consultancy, Chennai), Ar. Raghuram (Director at Trilogue studio, Chennai), Ar. Karl Wadia (Sr. Architect at Hafeez Contractor, Mumbai) and Ar. Paul Moses (Director at RSP, Bangalore). The Key note speakers - Mr. Nitin Bhatia - FACET Façade Consultancy, Hyderabad and Ar. Naresh Narsimhan - Venkataramanan Associates, Bangalore also graced the occasion.

AIS Design Olympiad 2022–23 is an opportunity for enthusiastic students of architecture from across India to showcase their vision and skills and make a mark in 'Green Architecture'. In this spirit, *AIS Design Olympiad 2022–23* used a futuristic approach to inspire architectural students to think beyond the usual and envision resilient and sustainable buildings of tomorrow.

The students were given a choice between 3 types of building typologies; Healthcare, Hospitality and Education to conceptualize and create sustainable designs that are practical and applicable in the Indian context.

AIS Design Olympiad 4.0 (ADO) followed a rigorous process and every design submitted by the students was judged by the keen eyes of an architect jury panel of some of India's top architects, who were on the regional and national jury panels of ADO.

The awardees were as follows:

- **Winners** - SMEF'S Brick School of Architecture, Pune (Topic - Building envelope design – Hospitality)
- **1st Runner up** - SMEF'S Brick School of Architecture, Pune (Topic - Building envelope design – Hospitality)
- **2nd Runner up** - Deenbandhu Chotu Ram University, Sonipat (Topic - Building envelope design – Education)

National & Regional winners for the ADO received exciting cash prizes of over Rs. 4 Lacs, certificate, trophies from AIS. Also they will be given Internship opportunities in leading architectural firms of jury members of the Design competition.

Speaking about AIS Design Olympiad, Mr. Vikram Khanna, COO, Architectural Institutional Business – Asahi India Glass Ltd said "We can see the negative effect of climate change all around us, a lot of natural disasters are taking place in various parts of the world. In this alarming scenario, each one of us has to step up to do our bit to contribute to making the world a greener place. You, as architects of the future have the responsibility to design sustainable architecture which enables reduction of 'Carbon footprint' and results in a sustainable and green environment. We wish you the best of luck as we encourage you to design structures with sustainability as the key. This platform will also allow you to interact with some of the best minds in architecture through master class sessions conducted by our esteemed jury members".

Architect C.S Raghuram - Partner TRILOGUE STUDIO LLP & National jury ADO added "A commendable collaboration between industries, academia, students & professionals, this helps further the discourse on architectural Design and Sustainability. I would encourage more students to participate in upcoming years, ADO provides great platform for students to express their creativity & solve real world problems"

Nitin Bhatia, Founder & Principal at FACET Facade Consultancy & Key Note Speaker at AOD added "AIS has created a platform and a forum to interface students with professionals, an eye opener for me to see students present their thought processes through designs and skillsets."

This year's AIS Design Olympiad aims to bring innovative design elements with the right product selection to develop energy-efficient building design proposals that work efficiently and comfortably in the Indian context.

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NOTES TO THE EDITOR:

About Asahi India Glass Ltd (AIS)

Asahi India Glass Ltd. (AIS) is India's leading integrated glass and window Solutions Company and a dominant player both in the automotive and architectural glass segments. It commands a majority share of more than 45% in the architectural value-added glass segment and over 74% share in the Indian passenger car glass segment. Started in 1987, AIS' footprint today spans the entire spectrum of the automotive and architectural glass value chains.

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