

Firozabad makes for a great shopping destination because one can pick up exquisite items at a fraction of the cost that they will be sold at once they hit the store shelves in the cities.

According to Mr. Lal, a lamp priced at Rs.500, for instance, will be priced at least thrice more once it reaches the market in a metro like Delhi, and further increase when they are exported. Even then, there is competition from China made lamps and chandeliers.

Mr. Rakesh Mohan, a salesman in one of the shops, told IANS: "Suppose a Firozabadi chandelier costs you Rs. 3,000, a Chinese chandelier of a similar design will cost you Rs.1,800. The margin is big and therefore shopkeepers, sometimes, prefer to buy the latter because they know it will sell more; but the quality of the Firozabadi glass is much better."

But it's not just lamps and bangles that this glass city boasts of. Delicate perfume bottles, jars, tumblers, and decanters with intricate designs, glass jewellery, vases, flowers, etc., you name it. Your shopping list here can be endless.

AMITY UNIVERSITY (UP, INDIA) FIRST TO TEACH HUMAN SAFETY WHILE USING GLASS IN BUILDINGS

In continuation to the efforts made by "Confederation of Construction Products and Services (CCPS)" for disseminating the information on safe use of glass in buildings and promoting the recommendation of "Guidelines on use of glass in buildings-Human safety", a lecture was organized on October 10, 2013, which was attended by 58 final year students and faculty

members of Civil Engineering Dept., of Amity School of Engineering and Technology (ASET), Amity University, Uttar Pradesh, Noida. The Aim was to update the students/Faculty with the latest developments, innovations and requirements in the field of glass use, focusing human safety.

In the lecture, Architect Deepak Gahlowt, Convener CCPS, described about the factors contributing for popularity and extensive use of glass in buildings particularly for aesthetic appeal, visibility, light transmission, light weight, changing life style and many more. The students were informed about the manufacturing process of glass, availability of different types of glasses, their properties and uses, the impact on energy performance and acoustic effects. Further, the types of safety glasses, their uses and test requirements &, selection of appropriate glass at critical locations where chances of injury are more was highlighted. Moreover the recommendations of the Guidelines to ensure human safety and considerations for manifestation, fire safety etc., were explained in

details.

Mr. J. Bhattacharjee, Prof. & Advisor, Civil Engg. Dept., ASET said that the programme was very educative/informative & important for the students/Faculty members to know all about the latest developments of this beautiful building material and this would be very useful to develop courses and include in syllabus to teach in the engineering classes. Based on deliberations and materials given, the University has approved and included Glass - Manufacturing Process, Types of Glass (Basic & Processed), use of appropriate glass at critical locations ensuring Human Safety, Manifestation, Safety glass test requirements etc., including Guidelines along with other publications of CCPS in the curriculum of Civil Engineering Dept., of Amity School of Engineering and Technology, Amity University.

Hope other educational institutions would follow Amity University to include this subject in the curriculum of technical classes for which CCPS is always ready to assist.■

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