India's prestigious lighting event Light India International 2013 was successfully organised by ISLE Chennai State Centre at the Chennai Trade Centre in Chennai from September 13-16, 2013.

The event which drew participation by 120 leaders of industry including 30 from 10 overseas countries, attracted as many as 16,000 business visitors from all over India and neighbouring countries. The Business visitors included lighting professionals, architects, consultants, interior designers, builders, contractors, officials from government departments and industrial buyers.

Among the leaders of industry who participated in the Fair were Trilux, BJB, Klite, Venture Lighting, Havells, GE, BAG Electronics, Narava, Neo Neon, Edison, Ledlink, Ledionopto, Meanwell, Citizen, Hybec, Prolite, Samson, Polycab, Syska LED, Pasolite, Sterling Sign, Digiopti, Delta Electronics, Truelite, Perfect Engineering, V-four Lighting, Vanjax, Super Lite, Anoora Illumination, Maklites, Swan Electricals, Maravelo India, Luxon and many more.

The Exhibition showcased a wide range of products covering Residential, Commercial and Retail lighting; Industrial lighting; Street lighting; Security lighting; Environmental/Landscape lighting; City beautification; Architectural lighting; Railway/Metro lighting; Airport and Runway lighting; Refinery/Mine lighting; LED lighting; Intelligent lighting; Lighting with non conventional energy; Specialty lighting; Lighting accessories and controls; Publications and Consultancy services relating to the lighting industry. In tune with the need of the hour Lii2013 focused on Green Lighting and energy saving solutions.

Lii2013 was inaugurated on September 13 by His Excellency The Governor of Tamil Nadu, Dr. K. Rosaiah with a key note address by Chair, Lux Pacifica, Prof. Warren Julian. In the course of his inaugural speech, it was suggested that "such important events should be organised annually so that the message of energy conservation and the ways of achieving it are repeatedly conveyed". After the inaugural session, the Governor went round the exhibition and visited some of the stalls.

On the first day (September 13) in the afternoon there was a special meet of the Electrical Installation Engineers Association - A Grade, with a technical seminar on Green Lighting Concepts. It was inaugurated by the Chief Electrical Inspector
to the Government followed by technical lectures by Prof. Warren Julian, Architect Pramod Chowgule and Mr. Prashant Chopra DGM, Ashlok.

The second day of the event, September 14 featured an International Conference on "Emerging Trends in Lighting Concepts for a Greener World". This full day conference was inaugurated by Mr. V.K. Gupta, Director General CPWD. The conference, tailored in a very professional way by the most respected green visionary of India, Dr. Prem C. Jain turned out to be a programme rated par excellence. The faculty and panelists were drawn from both the national and international level. The two panel discussions, one in the morning session on "LED Lighting for Modern Work Spaces" with Prof. Warren Julian (Convenor), Mr. K. Balasubramaniyan, Mr. Ravi A.V., Mr. Pramod Chaugle and Dr. Amardeep Dugar (Panelists) and the second one in the afternoon session on "LEDs for Public Thoroughfare Lighting" with Dr. Sandeep Garg (Convenor), Dr. Paresh Paluskar, Mr. K.K. Peshin, Mr. Himamshu Prasad, Mr. R. Ramakrishnan and Mr. M.S. Ramesh (Panelists) were true to international standards and simply the best.

This was followed by the lectures indicated below:

- Towards Net Zero Energy Buildings in India Lighting by Mr. Ashish Rakheja
- LEDs and New Possibilities in Product Design by Mr. Manfred Jander
- Is LED ready to Replace Conventional Lighting by Mr. S. Chakraborty
- Induction Lighting by Mr. Adam Karbaf
- Light-Light Integration - The Coming Age by Dr. B. Ghosh
- LED Standards and Perspectives by Mr. Gautam Brahmbhatt

The conference was attended by consultants, architects, interior designers, landscape architects, government officials, electrical contractors, exhibition participants and above all, faculty and students in the architecture and electrical branches of leading engineering institutions. The technical programme was sponsored by Vel Tech University.

The third day was special for the electricians from the whole of Tamil Nadu who gathered in large numbers and had technical lectures and discussions on Solar and LEDs. The session was conducted in Tamil. These electricians are the field staff to propagate the concepts of green lighting and were very much appreciative of the special focus given to them in Lii2013. The cultural programme on the third night was conducted by Vel Tech University students and was applauded.

The fourth and last day had a students meet with a competition for the best paper award on "Green Lighting". Two faculty members and thirty students came all the way from Jadavpur University, Kolkata to visit the exhibition, attend the
international conference on September 14 and participate in the students meet on September 16. The papers for the conference were submitted from Jadavpur University, Calcutta University, Vel Tech University and TJS Engineering College. There were 30 papers. A panel of judges with Mr. Kamal Sethia, Mr. Mukherjee and Mr. Pinaki Roy screened the papers for presentation to the audience and also chose the best paper award. The programme was sponsored by GE Lighting.

In tune with the theme of the event, "For a brighter future in a greener world", the event highlighted LEDs, energy saving solutions etc.

The feedback received the participants indicated that more than 80 per cent of the participants were very happy with the fair arrangements, the profile of business visitors and the business outcome of their participation…all indicators of the success of the event. Some of the comments are reproduced below.

A Consultant from Tata Consultancy Services said "I was wondering whether the travel from Pune for the Lii2013 is worth it. Thank God, I would have missed a lot of the important information, updation and specially the conference lectures by the specialists".

Chair, Lux Pacifica, Professor Warren Julian wrote, "thanks for the hospitality during Lii and to congratulate the organisers on the huge effort put into the event. It was appreciated by those who attended".

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