

STONA 2012 - 10th International Granites and Stone Fair at Bangalore International Exhibition Centre (BIEC), Bangalore from 1st to 4th February 2012

All India Granites and Stones Association (AIGSA) Bangalore, the only recognised all India body serving natural stone industry of India, is conducting its 10th International Granite and Stone Fair at Bangalore from 1st to 4th February 2012. STONA 2012 premises at BIEC is spread over a gross area of 45000 sq mts and exhibitors from Turkey, Egypt, Italy, Lebanon, Spain, Greece, Canada, USA, Pakistan and the exhibitors from all over India are exhibiting their products in the Fair and visitors from 70-80 countries are expected to visit the Fair.

India, one of the largest producers of exotic natural stones of numerous varieties and attractive colours, is capable of catering the requirement of the world stone market. History of Indian stone industry is very ancient and stone has been exclusively used in palaces and temples from ancient times e.g. Kutub Minar and Red Fort in New Delhi, Khajuraho Temple in Maharashtra, Sun Temple in Konark, Orissa, Belur-Halebedu, Somnathpur temples in Karnataka, Somnath Temple in Gujarat, Dilwara temple in Mount Abu (Rajasthan) and almost all temples of Chola period in Tamil Nadu. The Parliament House in New Delhi and Vidhan Sabha in Bangalore are very prestigious constructions in which stone has been extensively used.

The export of Indian Granite blocks and slabs was at about 50 Crore Rs during 1987 and has grown to 6000 crore Rs after STONA 2010 due to the exposure of Indian Natural Stone Industry during the STONA Fairs.

Bangalore, capital city of state of Karnataka, also called Garden city of India as well as Air Conditioned City, is well connected to all over the world by air and almost all the international airlines are operating their fleets to Bangalore. The maximum day temperature in Bangalore during February is generally around 20 to 22 degree Celsius and the weather would be sunny without any rainfall.

All interested are invited to visit the Fair: STONA 2012