

IGI students shine at IJW 2011

International Gemological Institute is pleased to offer its students an industry-led platform to showcase their jewellery designs at the **India International Jewellery Week 2011 (IJW)**. The IJW is an initiative to showcase India's finest jewellery designs, innovation, craftsmanship, technology and quality to customers around the globe. The event will see Diamond & Gold jewelers, Jewellery designers, diamond manufacturers and other prominent individuals from the diamond trade and industry in attendance.

IGI has selected four deserving students and will provide them with the opportunity to showcase their talents to a wider audience, thereby greatly enhancing their future potential in the gems and jewellery industry. The collection to be showcased on **August 1, 4.00 pm, at the IJW 2011** has influences of both contemporary patterns and traditional classic designs. The jewellery is designed by IGI students and manufactured by four prominent jewelers: Apranje - Bangalore, collection designed by Ms. Hemali Dholakiya, Emerald Jewels Industry Ltd -Coimbatore, designed by Ms Natasha Chandiramani, Shubham Motiwala - Mumbai, collection designed by Ms. Hetal Baxi and Razwada – Mumbai, collection designed by Ms. Nidhi Chaudhary.

Speaking on the occasion, **Mr. Tehmasp Printer, Managing Director, IGI - India said**, "IGI is proud of its students participating in the IJW 2011. Moreover it is pleased to help offer a platform for young professionals in an industry that takes pride in increasing consumer confidence through knowledge. We thank the jewelers who have agreed to be part of this endeavour to promote talent in the industry.

In India, the **IGI School of Gemology** is located in **Mumbai, Delhi, Ahmedabad and Surat** where courses are offered to professionals from the Gems and Jewellery industry and consumer enthusiasts alike. The IGI School of Gemology offers a variety of in-depth courses, ranging from Polished Diamonds, Rough Diamonds, Colored Stones, Pearls, and Jewelry Design Courses to Retails Sales Development Programs.

The courses are well known for their intensive and practical learning methodologies, resulting in a high level of expertise. IGI is also witnessing a growing number of students with a keen interest in jewellery designing applying for the courses offered.

About International Gemological Institute

- The International Gemological Institute (IGI), was established in Antwerp in 1975 and is the largest independent gem certification and appraisal institute worldwide, with offices in Antwerp, New York, Hong Kong, India, Bangkok, Tokyo, Dubai, Tel Aviv, Cavelese, Toronto, Los Angeles and Shanghai. In India, IGI has 3 laboratories in Mumbai and one each in Kolkata, New Delhi, Thrissur, Surat, Chennai and Ahmedabad. IGI is ISO (International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 9001: 2000) certified in four countries.

Around the world, IGI certificates bring confidence when buying or selling diamonds, gemstones and jewelry. Total commitment to understanding consumer concerns has motivated IGI to develop comprehensive analysis and clear documentation for consumers. A certificate from IGI represents the all-important 5th C that no one should be without: **Confidence**. As the world's largest independent gem certification and appraisal institute for diamonds, colored gemstones and jewelry, IGI is a standard of excellence for industry professionals and consumers around the globe.

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