



Like last year, bathrooms continued to draw exclamations of pleasure.

Bhaskar Sankhari, the executive chef, ITC Grand Central, Mumbai, felt, "the exhibition seems to be acquiring an international look and feel with many more products. It is good to see local products rubbing shoulders with international brands. In fact, it was heartening to see lots of guests taking a keen interest in the products on display, an indicator of the seriousness of our business."

Security not an issue this year

What stood out in the Engineering & IT section was the Philips stall with their 3D television and LG with their array of surveillance cameras, air purifiers, palm projectors and network monitors. The shift here was very evident. If last year, hoteliers were interested in security solutions,

this year the emphasis was clearly on entertainment solutions as memories of 29/11 were a thing of the past now.

One of the show stoppers of last year's exhibition, Third Eye Security, were unable to correctly gauge the prevailing mood among buyers despite their sincere presentation of

security solutions in the form of an X-Ray machine. However, the stall which caught all eyes this year was Guestlynkxx, with their single HDMI cable media hub, 'Power Wave', the latest in in-room technology. Among those singing its praises were Manoj Mhatre from Taj President and Nandkishore Jaiswal from Holiday Inn. The product, the stall and the salesmanship all came in for equal praise.

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