

JOURNEY OF LIGHTING THROUGH THE AGES

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Artificial lighting has evolved from the burning torches of prehistoric ages to the LED based lamps introduced in the last decade. The development in the last 100 years has been very fast and many kinds of light sources got developed, ruled the market, and went into oblivion. The kerosene lamp, incandescent filament bulb and gas discharge tubes, were developed as light sources for varied applications. These gained popularity at peak of their respective era, and then got replaced by newer devices. A historic overview of developments in the field, has been attempted by the author in this paper.
