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4th CIDC Vishwakarma Awards 2012

New Delhi, 12th March, 2012: The CIDC Vishwakarma awards are inspired by the spirit of construction and creation patronized by Lord Vishwakarma the ruling deity of the Construction practices in India. Each year, this event is hosted in March by CIDC, the apex body that's dedicated to work relentlessly towards promoting best practices within the Indian Construction Industry.

CIDC Vishwakarma Award is an award that is fast becoming an epitome for motivating individuals and organizations to raise their performance in their specific domain leading to significant contribution for the growth & development of the Indian Construction Industry.

The objective of the awards are to recognize and honor the valuable contributions and work of Indian Construction Fraternity that has significantly enriched the construction domain and has helped bring about a change in our construction practices.

At the Annual CIDC Vishwakarma Awards, the work and achievements of individuals and organizations is recognized and applauded. The awards are an embodiment of encouraging truly successful efforts from individuals and organizations that have made a mark on the present Indian Construction Industry in terms of delivering better outputs, processes and creating higher benchmarks for construction industry to help in nation building.



After three successful editions of CIDC Vishwakarma awards, the 4th edition of award ceremony was held on 10th March 2012 Stein Auditorium, India Habitat Center in New Delhi

The main highlight of this award is the practice of awarding artisans who are the unsung heroes of Construction Industry, who work tirelessly to create the wonderful assets that benefit the entire nation. This year, totally 34 artisans were awarded with commemorative trophy, Medal and Certificate in various trades. These artisans are working on diverse projects across the nation.

This year 4 new categories were introduced, namely **Construction Health, Safety & Environment, Construction Skills Development, Construction Education and Best Online Publication.**

The response has been very encouraging from Individuals/Organizations/Projects. This year, **totally 107 awardees** were chosen and distributed trophies, medals and certificates in eleven prime categories such as **Achievement Award for Social Upliftment, Achievement Award for Industry Doyen, Achievement Award for Public Officer, Achievement Award for Academician, Technologist, Scientist, Innovator, Best Professionally Managed Company, Achievement Award for Best Project, Achievement Award for Best News Coverage of the Construction Industry, Achievement Award for Construction Health, Safety & Environment, Achievement Award for Construction Skills Development, Achievement Award for Construction Education.**

The Chief Guest for the evening Shri Virbhadra Sin gh, Hon'ble Union Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Government of India lauded the effort of CIDC for its efforts towards improvement & betterment of th e Construction Industry and has worked on evolving several good practices, notable being training of grass root construction workers and for its encouragement to small construction companies and individual entrepreneurial firms. He also appreciated the effort of CIDC in launching capacity building initiative for the SMEs in the construction sector.



While delivering the speech to the august audience and congratulating the awardees, **Shri. Virbhadra Singh highlighted role of construction in Indian Economy and emphasized the problem of shortages of skilled manpower in Construction Sector. He mentioned that long term development of human resources, encouragement of SMEs within the sector and their constant handholding, ingress of relevant technologies, structured fund flow are some of the areas where we all need to put our concerted efforts.**

He also suggested in making more efforts in creating the awareness of these awards amongst the SME sector and also to request CIDC and the awardees to work towards archiving these achievements for posterity.



In line with tradition of honouring our Construction Industry Captains who have made significant contribution to the construction domain, this year, **Late Dr. Som Datt (Founder - Chairman, Som Datt Builders Pvt. Ltd.)** is being posthumously awarded the **Special Jury Award for Life Time Achievement**.

The best Projects category had representation from diverse projects that have added to the national assets of the country. These included projects from Transportation, Infrastructure, Power, Housing & Urban Development sectors. Projects that have used special material, demonstrated timeliness and adopted best practices for effective deliveries were awarded.

Construction sites that demonstrated increased levels of Health, Safety and Environment compliances along with individuals who have contributed in terms of scientific contributions, innovation and enriching the academic literature etc. were also honored.

It is indeed a matter of appreciation for entire construction fraternity that within such a short span of time the award has attained overwhelming response from all respective categories.

The uniqueness of the CIDC Vishwakarma Awards is reflected in its recognition of contributions made by individuals such as grass root construction workers, artisans who often belong to marginalized sections and economically and socially weaker sections of the society.

Construction Industry Development Council (CIDC), the apex body set up by the Planning Commission & the Construction Industry recognizes the role of a national award for motivation and improved performance of Individual Workers, Artisans, Field Supervisors, Project Owners, Project Implementers and has conceived the CIDC Vishwakarma Awards as an award of Excellence.

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