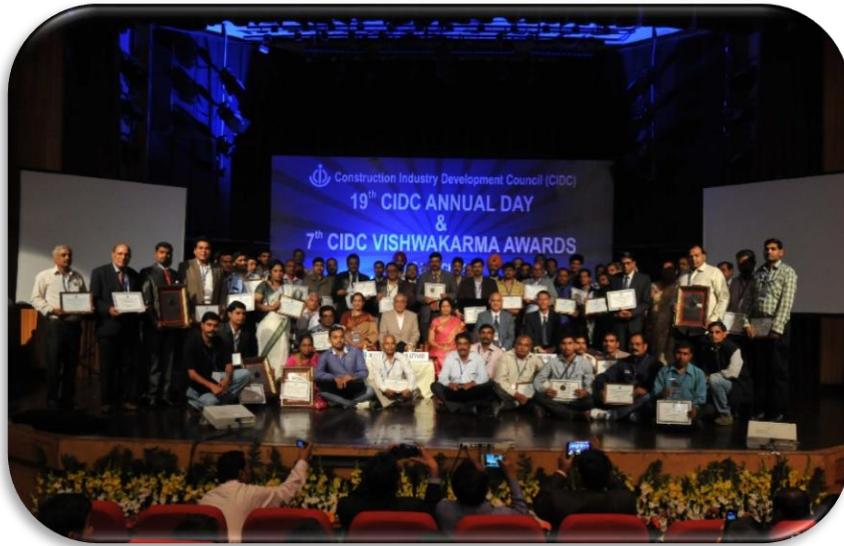


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7th CIDC Vishwakarma Awards 2015

New Delhi, 14th March, 2015: The 7th CIDC Vishwakarma awards were held at a glittering ceremony on 14th March 2015 at Stein Auditorium, India Habitat Center, New Delhi.



This year, a total of **130 awardees** were chosen and distributed trophies, medals and certificates in Thirteen prime categories such as Achievement Award for Industry Doyen, Achievement Award for Social Development & Impact, Achievement Award for Public Officer, Achievement Award for Academician, Technologist, Scientist, Innovator, Best Professionally Managed Company, Achievement Award for Best Construction Projects, Achievement Award for Best News Magazine, Achievement Award for Best Journalist, Achievement Award for Best News Paper, Achievement Award for Construction Health, Safety & Environment, Achievement Award for Construction Skill Development, Achievement Award for Construction Education, Achievement Award for Artisans & Supervisors. Two new categories were included this year Achievement Award for Best Maintained Structures & Achievement Award for Best Pre-Engineered Building.

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 on 7th of March by CIDC, the apex body that's dedicated to work relentlessly towards promoting best practices within the Indian Construction Industry.



In line with tradition of honoring our Construction Industry Captains who have made significant contribution to the construction domain, this year, **Late U. R. Chinnusamy, Founder, URC Construction (P) Ltd.**, was posthumously awarded the **Special Jury Award for Life Time Achievement**.

The Chief Guest for the ceremony Shri Satyendra Jain, Hon'ble Minister of Health, Power and Public Works Department, Government of NCT of Delhi, for the 7th CIDC Vishwakarma Awards, lauded the efforts of CIDC for its role towards improvement & betterment of the Construction Industry. He made a special mention of CIDC's efforts for training of grass root construction workers and for its encouragement to small construction companies and individual entrepreneurial firms and focusing on skill development. Shri Jain emphasized the role of construction as an all pervading activity and encouraged the awardees.





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.

Womens' participation is always encouraged and the awardees this year included: Dr. R. Vedalakshmi (Principal Scientist, Corrosion and Materials Protection Division, CSIR - Central Electrochemical Research Institute), Dr. Ruby Abraham (Professor - Civil Engg., College of Engineering, Trivandrum) & Mrs. Deepshree Sarda (Business Head, Valtree Global Private Limited) etc.



4 companies were also awarded the CIDC Green Construction Certificate.

Attended by over 1000 people, CIDC Vishwakarma Award 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.

This year a total of **25 CIDC Partners in Progress Trophies** were also given away as a token of appreciation to honor organizations that have been CIDC's partners in progress and who have displayed their utmost commitment and drive to create a vibrant work environment for the construction fraternity especially for achieving targets of "Mission Skilling India". Their efforts were applauded and the spirit and support extended to CIDC for facilitating initiatives for growth and empowerment of our unsung heroes - the grass root construction workers encouraged.



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, a total of **14 Artisans** and **30 Supervisors** were awarded with commemorative trophy, Medal and Certificate in various trades. These artisans are working on diverse projects across the nation. 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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