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5th CIDC Vishwakarma Awards 2013

New Delhi, 10th March, 2013: The 5th CIDC Vishwakarma awards were held at a glittering ceremony on 7th March 2013 at Stein Auditorium, India Habitat Center, New Delhi.



This year, a total of **107 awardees** were chosen and distributed trophies, medals and certificates in eleven 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 Best Online Publication, Achievement Award for Construction Health, Safety & Environment, Achievement Award for Construction Skill Development, Achievement Award for Construction Education. Achievement Award for Artisans & Supervisors.

In line with tradition of honoring our Construction Industry Captains who have made significant contribution to the construction domain, this year, **Late Shri C L Verma, founder of Continental Construction Ltd.,** was posthumously awarded the **Special Jury Award for Life Time Achievement.**



The Chief Guest for the ceremony Dr. Pronab Sen, Chairman, National Statistical Commission & Former Principal Adviser, Planning Commission, Government of India who was also the Chairman of the Jury, for the 5th 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. Dr Sen emphasized the role of construction as an all pervading

activity and encouraged the awardees to create replicable best practices for growth and development of the construction industry.

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.

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.



The theme this year focused on women's participation & the recipients included: Smt. Sheetal Joshi (Proprietor, Vishakha Construction Services) Ms. Soni Mehta (Director, Dolphin Fire EHS Consultants (P) Ltd.) Dr. J. Revathy (Associate Professor of Civil Engineering, B.S. Abdur Rahman University), Ms. Lovina Kinny (Assistant Editor, EPC World Media Group), Ms. Veena Kurup (Reporter, EPC World Media Group) etc.

Attended by over 500 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.



7th March is also the CIDC Annual Day and is celebrated every year with CIDC Vishwakarma Awards. This year a total of 33 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". We applaud their spirit and support extended to CIDC for facilitating initiatives for growth and empowerment of our unsung heroes - the grass root construction workers.

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 43 artisans and 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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