

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **10<sup>th</sup> CIDC Vishwakarma Awards 2018**

New Delhi, 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2018. Sh. Balraj Joshi, Chairman & Managing Director, NHPC received the trophy for 10<sup>th</sup> CIDC Vishwakarma Awards in the category Achievement award for Industry Doyen at a glittering ceremony held at Stein Auditorium, India Habitat Center in presence of captains of the Indian Construction Industry.

Speaking on this occasion, Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment Sh. Ramdas Athawale applauded the work being done by CIDC for the encouragement and motivation of the industry. He was all praises for the work being done to skill the grass root construction workers and emphasized that the industry needs to work hard to create an environment of excellence.

Dr. PR Swarup, Director General, CIDC said, "Vishwakarma Award is organized every year to recognize and applaud the work and achievements of individuals and organizations engaged in Construction Industry. For the last 10 years, CIDC (Construction Industry Development Council) has been organizing the CIDC Vishwakarma Awards, which are inspired by the spirit of construction, and creation patronized by Lord Vishwakarma the ruling deity of the Construction practices in India.

In line with tradition of honoring our Construction Industry legends, who have made significant contribution to the construction domain, this year Er. RN Raikar and Er. M Subramaniam were posthumously awarded Dr. Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya trophy and Sir Mirza Muhammad Ismail Trophy respectively for Life Time Achievement.

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.

This year 60 trophies have been distributed in 16 award categories. A number of individuals and organizations also received medals and certificates. A large number of nominations were received in sixteen different categories such as Achievement Award for Industry Doyen, Industry Captain, Social Development & Impact, Public Officer. Other

categories include Achievement Award for Academician, Technologist, Scientist, Innovator, Best Professionally Managed Company, Achievement Award for Best Construction Projects, Best News Magazine, Construction Health, Safety & Environment, Construction Skill Development, Best Insurer and Achievement Award for Artisans & Supervisors.

The uniqueness of the CIDC Vishwakarma Awards is reflected in its recognition of contributions made by individuals such as grass root construction workers, artisans and supervisors. This year, a total of 46 artisans and supervisors have been awarded with commemorative trophy, Medal and Certificate in various trades. These artisans are working on diverse projects across the nation.

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 event was graced by Shri. RK Mathur, Chief Information Commissioner, Central Information Commission, Dr. Pronab Sen, former Chairman National Statistical Commission and Former Member Planning Commission, Government of India, Shri. T. N. Gupta – Former Executive Director, (BMTPC), Sh. Pradip Bhargav, former Additional Chief Secretary, Madhya Pradesh, Dr Uddesh Kohli Chairman Emeritus, CIDC and former CMD, Power Finance Corporation, Sh. KM Singh Former CMD, NHPC, Shri. Ravinder Goyal – Adviser (Transport), NITI Aayog, Government of India, Sh Divakar Garg, DG, CPWD, Sh. MD Khattar, CEO, IL&FS, Shri. Anand Sahu – Chairman of Miracle Aasra & Social Worker Shri. Jogy P. Thomas – Chief Executive Officer, Kore Communities India Private Limited, Dr S Vijay Kumar, CMD, Vijay Nirman Company Pvt Ltd., Shri. Randhir Singh Rathaur, Vice President – Sales & Marketing, Madhav Alloys Pvt. Ltd. and hundreds of Industry Doyens.

**Sh. PS Rana**, Chairman, CIDC and former CMD, HUDCO (Housing and Urban Development Corporation) said that the objective of the CIDC Vishwakarma award is 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.