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## 3<sup>rd</sup> CIDC Vishwakarma Awards 2011 were presented at a glittering Ceremony

New Delhi, 11th March, 2011 - The 3rd CIDC Vishwakarma Awards were presented to the awardees at a glittering ceremony in New Delhi on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

The Vishwakarma awards are inspired by the spirit of construction and creation patronized by Lord Vishwakarma the ruling deity of the Construction practices in India.

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 45 artisans were awarded with commemorative trophy, Medal and Certificate.

The second highlight of the ceremony was the introduction of a new category for “Best Projects” covering Construction sub-sectors such as roads & highways, Bridges, Dams, Power, Railways, Oil & Gas, Mining, Transmission, Urban Infrastructure, Social Infrastructure, Health Infrastructure, Buildings (Residential/Commercial)

Many prestigious projects received overwhelming response in this category such as “Construction of Elevated Road along Barapulla Nallah, Sarai Kale Khan to Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium”, Public Works Department, Govt. of NCT Delhi. The elegant design of Barapulla Elevated Corridor was envisaged as dedicated signal-free access to transport participants from the Games Village to the Main Venue of Jawaharlal Stadium.

PWD, Govt. of Delhi, had also been awarded for its magnificent project of “Thyagaraj Sports Complex”. Apart from its importance in the world of sports, the Commonwealth Games Delhi 2010 was very special from engineering point of view for its green games and advanced technology.

This year, **totally 168 awardees** were chosen and distributed trophies, medals and certificates in eight prime categories. There were 4 women among the awardees.

Many eminent technical personnel were awarded for their significant contribution to the construction domain and among them Late Shri.B.G. Shirke (Founder Chairman, B.G. Shirke Construction Technology Pvt. Ltd.) was posthumously awarded the Special Jury Award for Life Time Achievement.

The Chief Guest for the ceremony was Prof.Saugata Ray (Hon’ble Minister of State, Ministry of Urban Development) and other distinguished dignitaries of the ceremony were Dr. Uddesh Kohli (Chairman Emeritus, CIDC), Padmabhushan Dr. G.V Ramakrishna (Former Chairman Disinvestment Commission & Member Planning Commission Govt. of India), Dr. Kavuri Samba Siva Rao (Member of Parliament), Dr. Pronab Sen (Principal Advisor, Planning Commission, Govt. of India), Shri. K.K. Sharma (Principal Secretary, PWD, Delhi), Dr. D.G. Kade, (Member of the Jury, Principal Advisor, Jaiprakash Associates Ltd), Shri. J.L. Narayan, (Member of the Jury, Retd. Joint Advisor, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Govt. of India)

**The Chief Guest lauded the effort of CIDC for its efforts towards improvement & betterment of the Construction Industry and facilitating adaptation of several good practices, and instruments, especially the Green Rating.** CIDC has initiated the Vishwakarma Awards to recognize and honour the valuable contributions and work of the Indian Construction Fraternity. He said excellence is needed in every field and should be properly rewarded.

While delivering the speech to the august audience, **Prof. Saugata Ray highlighted the problem of Housing in urban cities in developing countries like India. He mentioned the two main causes for this problem. First, it was increase in human population and second the rapid industrialization of such countries leading to large-scale urbanization. He also said that there is a need for upgrading facilities in India due to growing demand for housing in the country.**

To make the process all inclusive and braodbased, CIDC Vishwakarma Awards are being given to all representative categories that comprise the entire spectrum of the Indian Construction Industry from artisans to industry doyens, and professionally managed companies.

The Chief Guest of the ceremony, Prof. Saugata Ray released the Official Brochure for the forthcoming CIDC event **17th Asia Construct Event, International Exhibition & Conference in New Delhi.**

"Asia Construct-Construct Asia" Building Capacities through Cooperation". The event includes an International Conference & Exhibition to be held from 13th -15th December 2011 with the theme" Asian Economic Overview 2011 & Outlook 2012" It provides opportunities to showcase new & emerging technologies, best practices, equipment & machinery, products, material and services.

The Awards cover the entire spectrum of Indian Construction Industry and all the stakeholders both from public and private sector including NGO's. The awards are announced & conferred on the occasion of **CIDC Foundation Day every year.**

Each year, this event is celebrated on 7<sup>th</sup> March which is also the foundation day of Construction Industry Development Council the apex body established by the Planning Commission of India and the Construction Industry. CIDC is dedicated to work relentlessly towards promoting best practices in the Indian construction industry and helping it achieve a global stature.

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