

GUIDELINES

17th CIDC VISHWAKARMA AWARDS 2026 (10th April 2026)

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS | LAST DATE FOR ENTRIES – 31st October 2025

WOMEN ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY IN ALL CATEGORIES !

As we progress on the road to create a robust, sustainable built environment and a more vibrant construction industry, the mantra of the Award remains “Creating replicable best practices”!

We are now pleased to announce the Call for Nominations for 17th CIDC Vishwakarma Awards 2026!

The following changes are incorporated this year:

1. **Adherence to best practices:** The adoption of best practices and their relative degrees of practice on the site will determine the marking for organizations. Last three years figures to be considered. Proof of accomplishment is a must in all cases. DURING EVALUATIONS, as well as the entire process, DUE COGNIZANCE WILL BE TAKEN OF THEIR IMPLEMENTATION BOTH IN LETTER & SPIRIT by the JURY.
2. **Post Award Evaluations:** Drawing from point (1) above, these will be voluntary. The applicants/recipients are encouraged to undertake post award evaluations for added advantage
3. **E-Interactions / Management Interactions / Site visits:** Non participation of Senior Management/ Decision Makers, wherever specified will lead to low scores for the participants.
4. **Award Presentation :** It is strongly advised to be present in person to receive the award especially in all individual categories.

The application criteria have also undergone certain modifications along with the categories and we request you to kindly go through the pages to have a deeper understanding of the award process this year!

The revised guidelines, instructions for all categories are hosted on our website: www.cidc.in

The 17th CIDC Vishwakarma Awards 2026 (Background)

The ‘CIDC Vishwakarma Awards’ are inspired by the spirit of construction and creation patronized by Lord Vishwakarma, the ruling deity of 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.

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

The ‘CIDC Vishwakarma Awards’ have become the epitome for motivating individuals and organizations to raise their performance in their specific domains leading to significant contribution towards the growth & development of the Indian Construction Industry.

Applications are short listed based on their conformity to the guidelines & SOPs' issued by CIDC and information furnished by nominees for specific categories. The recipients are finalised based on the scrutiny of the applications, review of reports by the Jury, interviews, and site visits.

Objectives of the Awards

To recognize and honour valuable contributions and work of the Indian Construction Fraternity that has significantly enriched the construction domain and has helped bring about a positive change in our construction practices.

Awards Categories

S. No.	Award Category	Code
1.	Achievement Award for Industry Doyen	Code - A
2.	Achievement Award for Public Officer (From Govt. & Public sector)	Code - B
3.	Achievement Award for Scientist/Academician and Technologist/Innovator / Structural Consultant / PMC / Supervision Structural Consultant / Architects	Code - C
4.	Achievement Award for Women in Construction (Workers/Managers/Owners/Consultants/Architects / Interior Designers / Entrepreneurs)	Code - D
5.	Achievement Award for Artisans & Supervisors Artisans Supervisors	Code - E Code - E1 Code - E2
6.	Achievement Award for Best Professionally Managed Company from Manufacturer / Contractor / Consultant / Materials / Supply / Services and any other related areas from construction domain Category - I (Turnover > Rs. 2500 Cr) Category - II (Turnover Rs. 1000 to Rs.2500 Cr) Category - III (Turnover Rs.100 Cr to Rs.1000 Cr) Category - IV (Turnover < Rs.100 Cr) Category - V (Start-ups)	Code - F Code - F1 Code - F2 Code - F3 Code - F4 Code - F5
7.	Achievement Award for Best Construction Projects (Roads & Highways, Bridges, Dams, Railways, Power, Transmission, Oil & Gas, Mining, Shipping & Port, Airport, Urban Infrastructure, Social Infrastructure, Buildings (Residential/Commercial) & Health Infrastructure and any other construction activity)	Code - G
8.	Achievement Award for Best Pre – Engineered Building (Steel & Pre-Cast)	Code - H
9.	Achievement Award for Best Restored / Retrofitted / Rehabilitated Structures	Code - I
10.	Achievement Award for Construction Health, Safety & Environment	Code - J
11.	Achievement Award for Sustainable & Advanced Materials / Best Practices / Process esp Use of Green Hydrogen, Renewable Energy, and other sustainable practices	Code - K
12.	Achievement Award for Research & Development in Construction Domain (Only for Research Labs / Institutions / Organizations)	Code - L
13.	Achievement Award for Creating Social Development and Impact	Code - M

Who Can Apply

The Awards cover the entire spectrum of Indian Construction Industry. All stakeholders from Government, Public and Private Sectors including NGOs are encouraged to participate in the process and send in their nominations in the categories mentioned.

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Objectives & Eligibility Requirements

Consideration for each award will be accorded based on the following criteria:

1. Achievement Award for Industry Doyen – Code A

Objective: To recognize exemplary contribution by persons who have brought about marked improvements in the sector.

- Nomination to be made by Individuals & endorsed by Companies/ Industry Associations
- Belonging to construction sector, must have been engaged in construction services/ activities for over 20 years in any stream such as construction, material supply or services.
- Should have held a leading position for at least 10 years and be a professional with excellent technical and administrative capabilities.
- Should have made significant contributions towards at least one or all the following:
 - a. Evolution/ Ingress/ Induction of new/ frontier technology
 - b. Adoption of global best practices for building competitive edge
 - c. Human Resource Development
 - d. Corporate Social Responsibility
 - e. Demonstrated strong leadership qualities

2. Achievement Award for Public Officer (From Govt. & Public Sector) – Code B

Objective: To recognize the public official who has undertaken exemplary initiatives/ work which has facilitated growth and development of the infrastructure/ construction sector.

- Officers having served Government/ Public Sector Unit/ Undertaking for the last 10 years are eligible to apply
- Nomination to be made by Self/ Organizations
- Must have been engaged in public services for over 10 years
- Should have made significant contributions towards at least one of the following during his/her tenure of service:
 - a. Evolution/ Ingress/ Induction of new/ frontier technology
 - b. Adoption of global best practices for building competitive edge
 - c. Human Resource Development
 - d. Corporate Social Responsibility

3. Achievement Award for Scientist/ Academician/ Technologist/ Innovator/ Structural Consultant / PMC & Supervision Consultant/ Architect – Code C

Objective: To recognize excellence in academics/ significant contribution/ innovation of new technology, products, services and good practices for the growth and development of construction sector.

A. Scientist/Academician:

- Nomination/Application should be for activities related to construction sector
- Should have preferably led a team of researchers whose work has been adopted successfully
- Should have published work in International/ National Publications
- Should have made significant contributions through teaching/ dissemination of his/her research to a wide audience.

B. Technologist/Innovator:

- Nomination should be made by persons working with academia, research institute and industry.
- Should have made significant contributions towards at least one or all of the following:

- a. Evolution/ Ingress/ Induction of new/ frontier technology
- b. Uniqueness in innovation/ work
- c. Positive impact on the construction domain/ implication to society
- d. Building a replicable sustainable model of the research work/ innovation

C. Structural Consultant/ PMC & Supervision Consultant/ Architect

- Nomination should be made by practicing persons/ firms with at least 5 years of experience with a profitable track record.
- Should have made significant contributions towards at least one or all the following:
 - a. Evolution/Ingress/Induction of new/frontier technology/ Sustainable practices
 - b. Uniqueness in innovation/work
 - c. Positive impact on the construction domain/implication to society
 - d. Building a replicable sustainable model of the research work/innovation

4. Achievement Award for Women in Construction – Code D

Objective: To recognize and applaud the significant contribution of women in Construction Industry.

- Only Women (Workers/ Managers/ Owners/ Consultants/ Architects / Interior Designers/ Entrepreneurs) are eligible to apply in this category
- Should have minimum experience of 10 years working in the industry (Exempt for Start-ups)
- Should have made significant contributions towards at least one of the following:
 - a. Evolution/ Ingress/ Induction of new/ frontier technology
 - b. Uniqueness in innovation/ work
 - c. Positive impact on the construction domain/ implication to society
 - d. Building a replicable sustainable model for others to emulate

5. Achievement Award for Artisans & Supervisors - Code E1/E2

Objective: To recognize outstanding technical and manual skills of individuals working in any area of construction.

- Nominations to be made by the Employer/ Organization/ User
- Should have certified skills or be subjected to post application assessment.
- Should be aware of Occupational Health, Safety and Environmental issues
- In this category applicant shall undergo online trade test and practical demonstration.

The online testing session shall be carried out by CIDC experts as per mutually agreed date & time. The E-platform on which the testing shall be conducted along with log-in ID & password will be communicated to the applicant well in advance.

6. Best Professionally Managed Company from Manufacturer Contractor/ Consultant/ Materials/ Supply/ Services – Code F/F1 /F2/F3/F4/F5

Objective: To recognize the induction of professionalism in all manifestations in the operation of the Company.

- Nominations can be made by Companies/ Industry Associations
- Must have engaged in construction business in the same name for over 5 years (Start-ups are exempted of this condition)
- Should have professionally qualified Management & Engineering personnel and at least 30% workforce with skill certification
- In case of listed companies, should have on its Board of Governors 50% members who possess professional qualification and 50% of the Board should comprise of the individuals not related to the main promoter(s)

Demonstrated professionalism in the following areas :

- a. Evolution/ Ingress/ Induction of new/ frontier technology
- b. Human Resource Development
- c. Corporate Social Responsibility
- d. Health, Safety & Environment
- e. Contributing to policy formulation through participation in National/ International Bodies/Committees
- f. Company that has steered itself out of the downturn and issues faced in the business slump during the recession period
- g. Deployed systems which helped the organization to contain the attrition rate
- h. Start-ups are encouraged to apply and are exempt of the above conditions where applicable

7. Achievement Award for Best Construction Projects - Code G

Objective: To recognize excellence in projects which contribute to the built environment.

- The project completion date should be between 1st January 2022 and 31st October 2025.
- Completion Certificate issued by respective Authority (Desirable) and No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the Project Owner to be submitted along with the nomination application.
- Completion of own scope of work will not be considered for this award category. The project needs to be completed and commissioned to become eligible
- Projects with 80% financial completion or where project has been taken over by the client will also qualify.
- It is an integrated award for all project partners. Trophy is awarded to the project owner and applicant and certificates are given to all the project partners. However, nomination may be submitted by any partner through the owner.
- The nomination should include particulars of all project partners.
- Projects from the following sub-sectors shall be eligible: Roads & Highways, Bridges, Dams, Railways, Power, Transmission, Oil & Gas, Mining, Shipping & Port, Airport, Urban Infrastructure, Social Infrastructure, Buildings (Residential / Commercial) & Health Infrastructure, and any other construction activity.
- The projects shall be evaluated on the following parameters:
 - a. Least Time and Cost overrun
 - b. Engagement of new / innovative techniques
 - c. Quality of manpower engaged including Engineering/ Management/ Skilled Construction Workers
 - d. Impact on the environment
 - e. Deployment of Green Technologies
 - f. Recycling of material
 - g. Quality of archiving
 - h. Overall Social impact created by the project
 - i. Success of CSR and R&R initiatives, if any
 - j. Evolution/ ingress/ induction of new/ frontier technology
 - k. Health, Safety & Environment measures adopted during the execution phase

“Project Completion in all respects and not just own Scope of Work will entitle the project for award”.

8. Achievement Award Best Pre-Engineered / Pre-Cast Building : Code H

Objective: To recognize excellence in construction of structures built by adoption of pre-fabricated & Precast building technology:

- Only projects completed between 1st January 2022 and 31st October 2025 shall be eligible.
- Only completed projects shall be eligible.
- Completion Certificate issued by respective Authority (Desirable) and No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the Project Owner to be submitted along with the nomination application.
- Projects with 80% financial completion or where project has been taken over by the client will also qualify.
- It is an integrated award for all project partners. Trophy is retained by the project owner and a certificate is given to all the project partners. However, nomination may be submitted by any partner through the owner.
- Projects to be evaluated on the following parameters
 - a. Least Time and Cost overrun
 - b. Quality of archiving
 - c. Engagement of pre-engineered concept with detailed explanation about its choice over the conventional method
 - d. Quality of manpower engaged including Engineering/ Management/ Skilled construction workers
 - e. Impact on environment/ Deployment of Green Technologies/ Recycling of material
 - f. Overall Social impact created by the project
 - g. Success of CSR and R&R initiatives, if any
 - h. Evolution/ ingress/ induction of new/ frontier technology

9. Achievement Award for Best Restored / Retrofitted / Rehabilitated Structures – Code I

Objective: to recognize civil structures that have been restored / retrofitted / rehabilitated to provide them an extended life and ensure the users keep benefitting its functionalities.

- Only fully completed and functional structures will be eligible
- Minimum age of the structure should be 15 years as on 31st October 2025.
- Nomination to be made by Owner / Agency
- Projects to be evaluated on the following :
 - a. Least Maintenance Cost
 - b. Engagement of new / innovative techniques
 - c. Quality of manpower engaged including Engineering/ Management/ Skilled Construction Workers
 - d. Impact on environment
 - e. Deployment of Green Technologies / Recycling of material
 - f. Effectiveness of handling waste disposal systems – Liquid & Solid
 - g. Quality of archiving
 - h. Up gradation / addition of new features for better maintenance
 - i. Availability of a comprehensive maintenance plan and schedule.

10. Achievement Award for Construction Health, Safety & Environment – Code – J

Objective: To recognize company's respect for human life and well-being as reflected in the practices regarding Health, Safety & Environment in project.

- Only the running /in execution stage projects shall be eligible for participation
- The project should be at least 25% and not more than 70% complete as on 31st October 2025, to qualify for this category. Consolidated Monthly Progress Report as on 31st October 2025 to be submitted along with the nomination application.
- Nomination can be made by project organization or safety organization
- The proposal will have to be certified by the Project Head of the organization
- Existence of company HSE Policy and Plan
- Adoption of safety manual which is based on the best practices
- Setup of a Safety organization with clear responsibility for construction safety and occupational health management, particularly in a complex project, multi-employer site for the management of the HSE Plan (To prevent work related illness, injury, disability or death)
- Professional management of the HSE Plan
- Provision of systematic safety training to all participating partners' workforce and supervisors
- Implementation of the HSE plan including complete Safety Statistics of the project from inception
- New features, new technologies or methodologies adopted for HSE

11. Achievement Award for Sustainable Materials /Practices /Process (Use of Renewable Energy/ Green Hydrogen and other sustainable practices) : - Code K

Objective: To recognize organizations that are advocating and promoting usage of Clean Energy in their processes and practices leading to contribution in India achieving NET ZERO.

- Only projects completed between 1st January 2022 and 31st October 2025 shall be eligible.
- Organization must have patented/ deployed/ commissioned demonstratable models for usage that are commercially viable
- Pilot projects will not be considered in this category
- Projects to be evaluated on the following:
 - Contribution to NET ZERO
 - Time and Cost overrun
 - Quality of archiving
 - How effective will be the technology/ product/ process to all stakeholders
 - Quality of manpower engaged including Engineering/Management/ Skilled Construction Workers
 - Reduction of emissions as per usage/ Impact on environment
 - Overall Social/ Economic impact created by the project

12. Achievement Award for Research & Development in Construction Domain – Code L
(Only for Research Labs/ Institutions/Organizations)

Objective: To recognize the work and achievements of organizations that are contributing to the growth and development of Construction Domain through cutting edge technologies / R&D work.

- Application to be made by Organization duly authorized by the head of organization
- Organizations should have at least 5 years' experience in R&D activities
- R & D work should not be limited for their own in-house consumption
- Should have made significant contributions towards the following:
 - Evolution/ Ingress/ Induction of new/ frontier technology
 - Uniqueness in innovation/ work
 - Positive impact on the construction domain/ implication to society
 - Replication of the technology/ research for commercial use
 - Helping to build replicable sustainable models for others to emulate

13. Achievement Award for Creating Social Development and Impact – Code M

Objective: To recognize the display of social consciousness in normal course of activities in the construction sector.

- The offices of the Central and State Governments, Public Sector Enterprises, NGOs, Private Sector
- Organizations involved in the social development activities for the last 10 years (preferably) and involved primarily in construction industry are eligible to apply.
- Nomination to be made by Self/ NGOs/ Companies/ Industry Associations.
- Impact created by the work for both external and internal stakeholders, the reach and scope of work and its sustainable aspects need to be highlighted by the applicants.

Important information for submitting the nominations:

1. **One organization cannot submit more than 3 applications in one edition of the award.**
2. Same individual / Organisation project cannot be nominated in more than one category.
3. If the organization has multiple Verticals /SBUs / Zonal offices, it will be allowed to make three applications per Vertical / SBU /Zone. (Documentation regarding the independent functioning of the entity will have to be submitted as supporting. The decision to accept the number of applications will be at the sole discretion of Jury)
4. Award Applications/Nominations should be submitted in duplicate in hard copy, properly bound & indexed along with all supporting documents and soft copy in MS Word (.doc) format in a Pen Drive (Please write the name of the project and organization on the pen drive).
5. Please type or compose the nomination (All pages) on A4 size paper using black color ink (For ease in scanning and photocopying).
6. To assist comparison of different nominees, achievements (basis of nomination) should be given under the following heads both in the nomination form and abstract sheet:
 - a. Highest technical/professional/academic qualification
 - b. Only one set of published translated works/teaching & popularization aids developed/ activity kits, charts, manuals, etc.
 - c. Major achievements beyond official capacity; Impact of work or reach.
7. **Site visit shall be undertaken by Jury members/CIDC Evaluators to interact with Management/individuals and other stakeholders to ascertain the levels of involvement, and the adoption of the following:**
 - a. **Engagement of skilled workers:** Engagement of certified skilled workers preferably holding certification from CPWD/MES/CIDC shall reflect commitment to Quality in construction sector. If the Applicant is desirous – Mass Testing of all site workers can be conducted through CIDC for those who do not hold a CPWD/ MES/CIDC Skill Certificate. The cost for the same shall be borne by the Organization.
 - b. **Engagement of Professional Engineers :** Interviews to be conducted of site engineers and preferably they should hold a Professional Engineer Certification from Engineering Council of India / Institution of Engineers
 - c. **Admission of Skilled workers for Bachelor of Vocational Studies (B. Voc.) :** Adopt B. Voc. Program to create a dedicated pool of site supervisors / managers by continual learning and upgradation of vocational skills.
 - d. **Site Safety and Quality Audits :** Applicant to conduct regular safety and quality audits at site / submit report of Audits if already conducted.
 - e. **Adoption of Global Best Practices** in Project Management / Dispute Resolution / HRD / Finance / Site Management / Quality/ Safety / Environment
 - i. CSR Activities - Social Benefits impact created by the project
 - ii. Quality of leadership
 - iii. Research & Innovation
 - iv. Application of SOPs' and method of statement across projects
8. **Preliminary screening of all applications will be done on E-platform (Google meet / Zoom / Skype) and only after screening in this stage will the Site visit be undertaken for the applicant.**

9. Applicants are urged to strictly comply with points 7a-7e above as the resultant demonstrates strong commitment of the Applicant towards Skill Development & Enhanced Standards of Safety, Quality, Productivity which are the cornerstones of Best Practices in the Construction Industry.
10. In addition, meeting the eligibility criteria of respective categories is essential. Please read the instructions carefully to avoid chances of rejection in the document scrutiny stage.
11. Post initial scrutiny, the gaps in terms of both documentation and site visit/management interaction will be identified and communicated to the applicant.
12. Two weeks' time would be given to the applicants to fill the gaps/ provide additional information.
13. New dates would be communicated by the secretariat for the 2nd round of interactions.
14. Post completion of all steps above, if found suitable, dates for site visit shall be conveyed and accordingly as per mutually convenient dates, site visit will be undertaken.
15. **All expenses for arrangements towards travel, boarding & lodging for the site visit / management interactions for minimum 2 CIDC personnel will be borne by the Applicant/ Company/ Organization/ Firm.**
16. The site visit / management interaction will focus on project / organization and beyond based on the application submitted to the secretariat.
17. Availability of a high-resolution camera to take pictures/ videos during the site visit/ meeting with evaluators.
18. Site visits are integral to the process.

For consideration of the application for scrutiny, all Nominations must have the following information:

- **Nomination Proforma:** Duly signed and stamped with all relevant information.
- Statement of Significance/ Achievement by the Organization in minimum 2000 words
- Photos & Videos of Project/ Work.
- Previous recognition letters/ Certificates/ Citations received.
- Newsletters /Videos / Paper cuttings in support of your nomination.
- **Complete document (Application) should be Spiral / Hard bound, neatly compiled with page numbers and include a proper Index / Table of contents.**
- **The applications where no hard copy is received will be rejected.**
- **No loose sheets will be accepted.**
- **No applications to be submitted on email alone. However, the softcopy of the complete application may be emailed, for sharing with other stakeholders within CIDC.**
- All Soft Copies/ Pictures/ Videos to be submitted on “Pen Drive” post site visit / management interaction.
- Project Completion Certificate and No Objection Certificate from Owner/ Client to be submitted.
- **Project Completion in all respects and not just own Scope of Work will entitle the project for award.**
- **Presence of Senior personnel / Decision Makers for both Management Interactions and Site Visit is mandatory.**

Jury

A Jury consisting of representatives of Planning Bodies, Policy Formulators and Industry Practitioners / Domain experts will be constituted by CIDC to select the Award Winners.

Recognition

Winners of Awards and recipients of Citations will be recognized across all CIDC and Associate Organization Publications & Websites. For further details please visit www.cidc.in/ www.cidcdatabase.com or speak to any member of CIDC Team VKA. All nominations must be submitted to Construction Industry Development Council (CIDC) for consideration at the address given below:

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