

Excellence Revisited!

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The 22nd CONSTRUCTION WORLD Global Awards, was held on October 9 and 10, 2024, at the Jio World Convention Centre, Mumbai, and hosted by infrastructure think-tank FIRST Construction Council in partnership with CONSTRUCTION WORLD (CW) and Equipment India (EI) magazines. Incidentally, the spectacular RAHSTA Expo was India's first indoor trade fair for construction equipment technology.

Benchmarked to global standards

At the inaugural session, **Sanjay Bhatia, Upa-Lokayukta, Government of Maharashtra**, along with **Vipin Sondhi, Chairman, RAHSTA Expo Committee**, and **Pratap Padode, Founder, FIRST Construction Council**, inaugurated the RAHSTA Expo. Expressing delight at the huge display of construction technology, Bhatia said, "The expo has put the construction industry on an international standard. India is experiencing nation-building at a robust pace and I am truly impressed with the work now being done by our youth with their startups, many of whom are showcasing their innovation here."

Special bytes

At the 22nd CONSTRUCTION WORLD Global Awards, over 50 awards in 21 categories were presented to over 50 companies. "I am thrilled to accept this award on behalf of Century Ply," said **Anup Mangaserri, Chief Executive Officer- Laminates, Century Plyboards India**. "It's an honour to be recognised and I extend my heartfelt thanks."

"Tata Consulting Engineers has made significant strides in nation-building projects in India and high-impact engineering efforts abroad," said **BR Parthasarathy, Senior Vice President and Head- Infrastructure Cluster, Tata Consulting Engineers (TCE)**, sharing his pride in receiving the ENR Award. "This recognition underscores our global capabilities and we are honoured to be part of this journey."

For his part, **Sarat Chandak, CEO, H&R Johnson**, said, "We are truly delighted to receive this award as the most admired brand in the construction world. This recognition reflects the dedication and hard work of the brand over its six-year journey in India. Thank you for acknowledging our efforts."

And **Sandeep Desai, Executive Director**, and **Ananta Rayaprolu, Director, Afcons Infrastructure**, noted, "This is a proud moment for the entire Afcons team to have this particular trophy and prestigious award. Afcons has always been at the forefront of extreme engineering, and we are really happy for this acknowledgment, which motivates us to continue pushing the boundaries of innovation."

Joining the chorus of gratitude, **Manish Kumar, Executive Vice President, ITD Cementation**, stated, “It is an incredible honour to receive this award and to be here for this event, which is very well organised. Being recognised among the best of our peers in the industry is truly a privilege. I accept this on behalf of my team and company and we are deeply grateful for this recognition.”

Many winners addressed the efforts that led to their recognition. “We are extremely proud and thankful that our founder has received the CW Person of the Year (Private Sector) award,” said **Hardik Agrawal, Director, Dineshchandra Agrawal (DRAIPL)**. “This recognition reflects the relentless efforts of the entire Dinesh Chandra Group. We are deeply motivated by this honour and we thank the CONSTRUCTION WORLD Global Awards for this acknowledgment.” And **Lalit Chhabra, Managing Director, PINI India**, added, “It is a tremendous honour to receive this award. We are delighted that our global efforts have been recognised. This is a testament to what we have done in the past and our hard work. We look forward to improving our ranking in the years to come.”

Sharing his excitement, **Ryoya Watanabe, Senior Manager- BD & Marketing Division, Nippon Koei India**, said, “We are headquartered in Tokyo and I am excited and honoured to accept this prestigious award. Thank you very much for this recognition.”

Meanwhile, **Saji Samuel, Executive Vice President (Long Products), JSW Steel**, brought the conversation around to India’s bright future. “I feel elated with this award because this is going to propel India into a five trillion-dollar economy as quickly as possible,” he remarked. “I wish CONSTRUCTION WORLD all the very best and hope many new companies will participate in this event going forward. I feel very proud to hold this trophy in my hand on behalf of my company.”

This collection of leaders from different sectors was a showcase of the diversity and excellence celebrated by these prestigious awards, marking significant milestones in their respective industries.

As **Rajiv Poddar, Managing Director, BKT**, observed, “India Construction Festival 2024 has once again proven to be an invaluable platform for the construction equipment industry. The convergence of innovative ideas and collaborative efforts showcased here reflects our collective commitment to growth and excellence. Congratulations to ASAPP Info Global for orchestrating such a successful event and to all the award winners – your achievements are a testament to the bright future of our industry.”

An event to remember

Another highlight of the event was the launch of Pratap Padode’s book, *Tarmac to Towers – India’s Infrastructure Story*. Indeed, in keeping with tradition, the annual CWGA Awards ceremony was a memorable celebration of architectural achievements and a platform for dialogue on critical issues affecting the construction industry.