



## **Mr. G.K. Pillai MD & CEO Walchandnagar Industries wins ‘Engineer of the Year’ award**

Palakkad, Kerala India, 15 Sept 2013: Mr. G. K. Pillai Managing Director & CEO Walchandnagar Industries Limited (WIL) was bestowed with the ‘**Engineer of the Year**’ Award, in appreciation of his exemplary contributions in the field of engineering, by the Institution of Engineers ( India ) Ltd. Palakkad ( Kerala ) chapter.

The award was presented to him by Chief Guest, Padma Vibhushan Dr. E. Sreedharan ( *The famous “Metro man”* ) on the occasion of Engineer’s Day, held on 15 September 2013. A galaxy of engineering professionals was present on the occasion.

Established in 1920, the Institution of Engineers signifies 94 years of relentless journey towards engineering advancements for nation building. The ‘Engineer of the Year’ Award recognizes outstanding engineers who demonstrate excellence and extraordinary competencies in different engineering facets such as innovation and personal commitment to business.

At the award ceremony, Mr. Pillai expressed his delight at receiving the award and thanked the organizing committee for having chosen him for the award.

### **About Walchandnagar Industries Limited**

**Walchandnagar Industries Limited (WIL)** is an **ISO 9001: 2008** certified Indian company with global presence and diversified business portfolio in Projects, Products and High-tech Manufacturing. With more than 100 years of Engineering Excellence legacy, WIL has established its name as one of the best in its operational areas. WIL is known for pioneering achievements in Indian engineering industry and for its contribution to nation building activities. WIL is a listed company on the BSE and NSE stock exchanges in India.

For further information, log onto the Walchandnagar Industries website: [www.walchand.com](http://www.walchand.com)



Mr. G. K. Pillai (4<sup>th</sup> from left) being awarded with the 'Engineer of the Year' award by Dr. E. Sreedharan



Mr. E. Sreedharan presenting the citation awarding Mr. G.K. Pillai with the 'Engineer of the Year' award



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This 'ENGINEER OF THE YEAR' Award is presented to **Er.G.K.Pillai**, in appreciation of his contributions towards the Engineering profession.

Er.G.K.Pillai is presently the Managing Director and Chief Executive of 'Walchand Nagar Industries, Pune', since February 2011 which is one of the oldest and reputed manufacturer of Heavy Plant and Machinery for Cement, Sugar, Chemicals, Defence and Aero-Space industries.

Prior to this, Er.G.K.Pillai was Chairman and Managing Director of Heavy Engineering Corporation Ltd.(Govt. of India PSU), Ranchi, from May 2007 to December 2011. The company manufactures a wide range of equipments for the core Sectors like Steel, Coal and Railways. This company had been working on loss for a long time except for three years of its 47-year history.

As the CMD of this company, Er.Pillai had been able to turn around it into profits, in the first year itself with a performance record and in the next three years also this continued

HEC was awarded the prestigious SCOPE award for ' Excellence in Management and Turn-around' by the Hon: Prime Minister of India, Dr Manmohan Singh on 15th Oct. 2009, in appreciation of this performance.

Subsequently, Govt. of India, appointed him as the Chairman & Managing Director of HMT Ltd., a prestigious Central PSU set up in 1953, on additional charge while continuing as the CMD of HEC and there also he was able to improve the performance of HMT Ltd.

He started his engineering career at 'Instrumentation Ltd', Palakkad (a premier Central PSU) as its first Graduate Engineer Trainee, in 1973 and had been trained extensively in the field of Application Engineering at the collaborator's works at Yamatake Honeywell in Japan. He had worked in various areas within the company. After working for twenty one years at Palakkad, his home town, he rose upto the position of Deputy General Manager of IL, which he subsequently left for better career prospects.

He was Chairman, CII Jharkhand State Council, President, PMA- Ranchi Chapter, Vice Chairman, Energy Saving Commission, World Foundry Congress and Member CII National Committee on Capital Goods & Engineering.

He received Indian Nuclear Society award for Industrial Excellence in January 2010. He was bestowed with the "Outstanding Contribution to the Industry" award by the National Industrial Conclave 2010. He was awarded a 'Scroll of Honour' by the National HRD Network, in April, 2010 and received the BRPSE turn around award, and was given 'Leadership Award' from the Asia-Pacific HR Congress in Bangalore on in September.2010.

He had presented technical papers at various International fora like, the 'World Foundry Organization' in Czech Republic in June, 2009 and ASME Global summit on Mechanical Engineering, in 2008, in Washington, USA, the only Indian to get this honour then.

We wish him all the best to pursue his illustrious engineering career, to earn more laurels.

PALAKKAD, September 15, 2013

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