



raised productivity levels at construction sites. His pioneering role in the application of pre-cast, prestressed and tunnel-form techniques in various fields of construction introduced a technology dimension to the country's construction practices. Dr. Ramakrishna's efforts have helped the construction industry build India's social, physical and industrial infrastructure conforming to, and at times exceeding, global standards of time and quality.

Another noteworthy contribution of Dr. Ramakrishna is in promoting the concept of public-private partnerships in infrastructure development. HITEC City (Asia's largest IT park) and HITEX (an International Exhibition Centre), both in Hyderabad, Kakinada Deepwater Port (Andhra Pradesh), Coimbatore Bypass Road (Tamil Nadu) and Bangalore International Airport are some examples of the success of Dr. Ramakrishna's efforts in this field.

Dr. Ramakrishna initiated ECC's expansion into overseas markets, especially in neighbouring countries, through formation of international joint ventures. In addition to securing large orders, this has helped speedy access to advanced technology and construction methods for possible application in India.

For his outstanding contribution to engineering technology and to the society at large, he has won many prestigious awards such as:

ICI-Fosroc Award for Outstanding Concrete Technologist - 1993 from the Indian Concrete Institute

Davidson Frame Award - 1997 from Project Management Associates

Eminent Engineering Personality Award - 1998 at the Indian Engineering Congress

Due to his long association with engineering and construction, he is widely known to represent the industry viewpoint. He has been associated with many apex industry associations like CII and FICCI – as Chairman / Member of various committees, and with premier academic institutes/bodies like IITs, Structural Engineering Research Centre, National Institute of Construction Management & Research, Anna University and AICTE.

He is currently the President of Indian National Academy of Engineering – INAE - a peer group of over 400 of India's distinguished engineers, scientists and technologists. He is also the Vice-Chairman of National Academy of Construction - NAC, established by the Government of Andhra Pradesh for providing training to workmen, contractors and engineers.

