

## **11<sup>th</sup> TPM National Conference ( 40<sup>th</sup> Year of TPM) 6-7 September 2011: Hotel Le Meridien, Chennai**

CII targets 300 firms to achieve TPM excellence award



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The TPM Club of India of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) yesterday organised the Eleventh TPM National Conference in Chennai.



Delivering his Keynote Address, N Kumar, Chairman, CII Institute of Quality and Vice Chairman, The Sanmar Group said: "India ranks next only to Japan in the world on the number of TPM (Total Productive Maintenance) Awards in one country. So far, 121 Indian companies have won the TPM Awards from Japan Institute of Plant Maintenance (JIPM). What is more, TPM has been a proud addition in CII's list of services to our members and a very important one.



The TPM movement initiated by the visionary Suresh Krishna, Past President, CII and Chairman and Managing Director, Sundram Fasteners Ltd and the leadership role played by the successive Chairmen of TPM Club India have made the initiative to attain greater heights, year after year". Kumar said that TPM has supported Indian Industry in their journey of competitiveness, especially the Manufacturing Sector and added that the TPM Club of India would facilitate 200 companies to adopt TPM best practices and also aim for 300 companies to achieve TPM Excellence Award, in the next few years.

Speaking about the CII Institute of Quality, Kumar said that the objective of the Institute is to enhance the competitiveness of Indian Industry in various key sectors of the economy which impact on the country's growth. Over the last three decades, the Institute had developed the competences of more than 300000 managers and executives from industry. 'Our footprint falls in more than 100 companies every month with 33 counsellors supporting them on different subjects', Kumar added.



M Muthuraj, Board Member, TPM Club India stated: "The TPM National Conference has been the designated place to learn what is happening on TPM for companies which are getting into the journey of TPM, firms which are progressing as well as ventures which have won the different levels of TPM Awards to see what next. Year on year, TPM National Conference's have been generating more pace and momentum than it generated for the first time in 2001".

ZERO Breakdowns, ZERO Defects, ZERO Accidents (both minor and major) which have been unheard of in the past have been made possible through the TPM effort, Muthuraj pointed out. Earlier, Kumar released two publications - TPM Project Management and TPM Slogans at the Inaugural Session of the Conference. At the Valedictory Session today, CII presented the Kaizen Championship Trophy and the Sona Kaizen Award to the winners of the final Kaizen Award Competition, being held in Chennai, as part of the Conference.