

## 23rd All Odisha QC Convention 2018 & NALCO Utkal Gaurav Madhusudan Das Quality Award

The All Odisha Quality Circle Convention, a flagship event on Quality in the state, was organised by NALCO for the 23rd successive year 25/4/2018 at NALCO Nagar, Bhubaneswar. This premier “Annual Quality Event” in the State, is being organised by NALCO since 1996 with the aim of spreading the Quality Movement amongst the industrial organisations in the State. It provides a platform for mutual learning through case study presentation to encourage implementation of the quality practices among organisations operating in Odisha. With Total Productive Maintenance (TPM) being adopted by many organisations, the Convention also encourages participation of TPM Circles. 8 Quality Circles and 7 TPM Circles from 10 different industrial units of Odisha participated in the Convention.

In honour of Utkal Gaurav Madhusudan Das, NALCO has instituted a state level Quality Award based on Business



Excellence model criteria to recognise units from manufacturing sector operating in Odisha for their TQM implementation process & the results achieved.

Dr. Tapan Kumar Chand, CMD, NALCO was the Chief Guest in the concluding function and gave away the prizes & quality awards to the winning teams & organisations. Dr. Chand said, “All the participating teams must pledge to take quality movement to further heights in the state. There is abundant potential for unleashing creativity in the workplace but the same needs to be channelised in the right direction.”

The Winning teams were felicitated in

the Prize giving ceremony. The NALCO Trophy for Quality Circle Competition was won by QC Miracle of NALCO while the NALCO Trophy for TPM Circles was won by Jaguar of JKPM, Rayagada.

The NALCO Madhusudan Quality Award for 2018 was conferred on :

**Large Industry Category:** Balasore Alloys, Balgopalpur

**Medium Industry Category:** Manishri Refractories & Ceramics (P) Ltd., Cuttack

**Small Industry Category:** Amritesh Industries Pvt. Ltd, Angul

An award for Service Quality was also given to Aswini Kumar Behera, Constable CISF for his dedicated service.

Among others, K.C.Samal, Director (Finance), V. Balasubramanyam, Director (Production), B.K.Thakur, Director (HR), S.K.Roy Director (Projects & Technical) and Pradip Kumar Mishra, Director (Commercial) were also notably present.

## Indian Army to buy Light Strike Vehicles from Force Motors



On 10th May 2018 Force Motors has won the prestigious order for the supply of Light Strike Vehicles to the Indian Army against stiff competition from established players.

The Light Strike Vehicle designed and developed by the research and development team at Force Motors is fully indigenous. Force Motors has developed the Light Strike Vehicle for exacting military activities, with the assurance of speed and reliability. The vehicles not only use the proven,

rugged and reliable aggregates like engines and transmissions from the Force Motors’ stable but are also uprated for the demanding applications of the Armed Forces.

The Force Motors Prototypes established their superiority in the rigorous user trials, conducted for over two years, in tough and rough terrains as varied as the scorching deserts of Rajasthan (50°C) to the freezing Himalayas (-30°C)

Designed for quick ingress and egress, these vehicles are capable of performing on extreme terrain, with maneuverability, high speed and stability, with 4x4 configuration, and have differential locks on all wheels, similar to the legendary Force Gurkha. It is equipped with run flat tyres and has the provision to mount a rocket launcher and machine guns. The Force Motors Light Strike Vehicle can be airlifted and dropped into enemy territory, for use as an advance fast strike vehicle.

Speaking on the occasion, after the agreement with the Ministry of Defence, the spokesperson from Force Motors said, “We are very happy that the Indian Army has reposed trust in the fully indigenous Light Strike Vehicle developed by their research and development team. This is a small but significant step in creating fully indigenous specialist vehicles for the Armed Forces - a truly ‘Make in India’ initiative”.

Force Motors had also supplied the Indian Artillery with new engines for the famous 155mm Howitzer Guns (Bofors Guns). Trials are on for the adoption of FORCE developed engines on the indigenously developed new generation Dhanush Gun which is expected to succeed the Bofors Guns.

The proven Traveller and Trax range of vehicles are already in service, with most of the para military organisations in the country.