1999 Award Recipient

Vijay R. Kirloskar '74

Vijay Kirloskar, your highly successful career, distinguished by outstanding business acumen and leadership, has brought much pride to your alma mater. As chairman and managing director of Kirloskar Electric Company Ltd., you have guided the company as India's leading manufacturer of electrical engineering equipment.


As one of India's leading industrial organizations, Kirloskar Group, a $2.5 billion engineering conglomerate of more than 35 companies, is driving such critical industries as power, construction, agriculture, oil and gas. Much of the credit for the group's dynamic rise during the 1990s is the result of your bold business direction as chairman.

During your career you have shared your expertise with the technical community, serving most recent as vice president of the Confederation of Indian Industry and chairman of the board of governors of the Indian Institute of Technology. You have demonstrated a continuing interest in your alma mater; in 1998 you were named to the President's International Advisory Board, assisting WPI in its development of a strategy for globalization.

Vijay Kirloskar, it is with great pride and honor that WPI recognizes your many accomplishments by presenting you with the Robert H. Goddard Alumni Award for Outstanding Professional Achievement.