



## Director's Message



On behalf of entire Indian team at Columbia Machine, I welcome you to the very first publication of our newsletter Columbia Connects. We hope to use this medium to stay in touch with you and keep you abreast of the latest developments at Columbia, its equipment and in concrete products technology on a quarterly basis.

Columbia has been present in India for over 15 years with its headquarters in Mumbai and state of art manufacturing facility in Vadodara, Gujarat. We have Sales and Marketing offices in Kolkata & Bangalore and dedicated service personnel based in Kolkata and Hyderabad. With India, we also cater to several regions of the world such as South Asia, South East Asia and Africa.

Our popular Concrete Block Machine Model SPM20 is now operating at over 200 locations in India alone. We will soon be launching a higher capacity model with automatic pallet and product handling (cubing), all Made in India, with technology from Columbia Machine, USA. Our unmatched spares and service support along with product engineering expertise helps our customers to be successful and profitable unlike the competition. It is this large and loyal customer base that has resulted in our success in this industry and we thank them whole heartedly for their support.

Your continued patronage is greatly valued and appreciated. We look forward to strengthening our relationship with you through this additional medium in future.

Vijay Kumbhani  
Director - India

## A Big Thank You & Welcome to Columbia Family!

Welcome to the first edition of Columbia Connects, a quarterly publication designed to keep you updated with news from Columbia & its partners. This newsletter aims to share information, news and insights on Concrete Products Solutions, the market, growth opportunities and much more.

In this first edition of Columbia Connects, we shall equip you with Columbia legacy and its journey of 80 years of Innovation, a short note by our director and some health tips.

I hope you enjoy reading each issue as much as we look forward in connecting with you. This publication is for you and if you have a suggestion for an article or need to share with us your story or achievements just mail us at [info@colmac.in](mailto:info@colmac.in), we shall be more than glad to include in our Newsletter. Happy Reading!

## A Storied History of Innovation and Leadership

In 1937, an ambitious 23-year-old named Fred Neth, Sr. borrowed \$800 to open a small shop, Columbia Forge and Machine Works, on Main Street in Vancouver, Washington. Columbia tackled a variety of jobs at the beginning, including repairing the primitive block machines of the time. While learning the intricacies of the manually operated block machines, Fred decided that Columbia could design and build a better machine.



In 1945, Columbia pioneered and built a hydraulically operated machine that would semi automatically produces two 8x4x12-inch blocks at a time - an industry first. Shortly thereafter, Columbia built the first hydraulic machine to make two standard 8x8x16-inch blocks. Because of the precision and quality of blocks these machines could easily produce, the building public accepted the new Columbia block machines enthusiastically.

Over the next several years, Columbia continued to perfect the block machine. We began engineering and building equipment to handle the upstream aggregates and downstream products. In 1955, we moved to our present location on Grand Boulevard in Vancouver, where we were incorporated as Columbia Machine, Inc. By 1957, we had established a firm position as a leading manufacturer in the USA, and began expanding our market across the globe. Today, Columbia is recognized in over 100 countries on six continents as the leader in quality, innovation, durability and customer service, including North America, Latin America and South America, Africa, Europe, the Middle East, India, China, the Pacific Rim and Canada.

Columbia Machine Engineering (India) Pvt. Ltd. is a wholly owned subsidiary of Columbia Machine Inc. USA, an over 75 year old, worldwide leader in the design, manufacturing and support of equipment for a variety of industries, with customers in over 100 countries around the world. Columbia Machine Engineering (India) has manufactured and supplied over 200 plants in India alone with high technology, fully automatic Machines, Moulds and other Equipment such as Concrete Batching plants, Concrete Mixers and specialty product lines for producing Concrete Blocks (both Hollow Concrete Blocks and Solid Concrete Blocks), Concrete Interlocking Paver Blocks, Concrete Segmental Retaining Wall Blocks, Concrete Kerbstones, Concrete Paving Slabs, Concrete Bricks, Lightweight Eco-friendly Flyash Bricks, Concrete Roof Tiles and many other Precast and Architectural Precast Concrete products.

Columbia Machine Engineering (India) also manufactures and supplies high speed, fully automatic Case Palletizers for Material Handling with state-of-the-art technology from Columbia Machine Inc. USA, for use in a variety of industries including food, beverage, chemicals, paper, edible oil, packaged water, distilleries, soaps and detergents, FMCG and many more. Since the early 1960's Columbia Palletizers have developed a reputation as a world leader offering superior construction, maximum flexibility, easy operation and speeds from 1 to 100 cases per minute.

In February 2016, Columbia Machines Inc acquires Techmatik SA headquartered in Radom, Poland. Techmatik is a recognized leader in the design and manufacturing of molds, production machines (“Big Board”), handling equipment, cubing solutions, curing solutions and batching & mixing solutions for the production of paving stones, hardscapes and other dry cast concrete products.

We are sure to have the right solutions for your business. Interested in our equipment? Contact us for a visit.

## Where we will be Next?

### Find us this Tradeshow:



26th to 28th August 2016  
Booth No. D25, BMICH,  
Colombo Sri Lanka.



8th to 10th  
September 2016  
DIECC, Phnom Penh, Cambodia.



22th to 24th  
September 2016  
Booth No. G23, BEC,  
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## Stay Healthy this Monsoon!

Monsoon is the season that brings happiness to our life. But, even after having the cool splash of monsoon rain, there are some flaws and negative effects from which you need to protect yourself. There are certain health risks that are brought by monsoon from which people needs to be really careful.

During the monsoon season, it is advised not to consume fast food and the snacks from the roadside stalls. This can give rise to stomach infection. Most of the time people suffer from the problem of indigestion during the monsoon season as the airborne bacteria are very well active in the environment and can easily get inside your body with the food you eat. Since during the monsoon season, humidity is really high in the environment, the ability of body to digest comes down. It will be better for people to avoid the oily food which are prepared in street.

It is really essential for you to consume adequate fruits during the monsoon season as this helps you restore energy. Go for the items like pears, mangoes, apples and pomegranate.

Try not to drink water that is not purified. Even after filtration, it is better to drink the boiled water as this will kill all germs and bacteria that have formed in water.

Where likely, try to avoid walking through rainy water. It can lead to numerous fungal diseases of the feet and heels. Dry your feet when they get wet.

Take moderately hot food and drinks in this monsoon. Drink many of hot herbal teas, particularly those with antibacterial properties.

If you suffer from asthma or diabetes, avoid residing any place with wet walls. It encourages the development of fungus and can be especially hurtful.

During the monsoons, it is really important to avoid stagnant water as this will give rise to diseases like malaria and dengue. Throw away the water inside the unused tank, flower pots as well as water cooler since stagnant water is a place where the mosquito can breed.

## 4 IMMUNITY BOOSTING FOODS

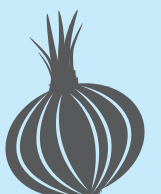
### MUSHROOMS



Increases the production of anti viral and other proteins that are released by cells while they are trying to protect and repair the bodys tissues.

### GARLIC

Contains a compound called allicin that boosts the immune system. Also lowers LDL (bad) cholesterol and increases HDL(good) cholesterol.



### LEMON



Lemons are high in Vitamin C and potassium. The bioflavonoid in lemons strengthen the cells and keeps infections away.

### GREEN TEA

Contains polyphenols, the potent plant antioxidants which strengthen the immune system.

