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For the present study, the researcher has selected two organisations namely, Kirloskar Limited, Unit II, Sattur, Dharwad; and Walchandnagar Industries Limited, Tiwac Division, Dharwad.

2.1 MYSORE KIRLOSKAR LIMITED

The origin of Kirloskar Group of Companies can be traced way back to 1888, when the Founder, Sri. Laxamanrao Kirloskar, started a small cycle repair shop at Wadi, near Sangli in Maharashtra. Slowly, he converted the cycle repair shop to manufacture the iron plough, agricultural appliances, pumps, and engines. Now, 'Wadi', where the Kirloskar Company was first established is famous by name "Kirloskarwadi".

The Kirloskar Group celebrated 1988 as a century year. The group has extended its organisations all over the country and also in other countries. The major companies constituting the Kirloskar Group are listed in the Table 2.1. It is noticed that the Group has 9 companies in India, 5 in other countries and as many as 10 subsidiary companies in India. This gives a clear picture of the Kirloskar empire both in India and abroad. By and large, the activities of all these companies are related to the engineering and related products.

TABLE 2.1 MAJOR COMPANIES UNDER KIRLOSKAR GROUP

NO.	NAME	YEAR	PLACE	PRODUCTION
1.	Shivaji Work Ltd.	1900	Solapur	Casting
2.	Mysore Kirloskar Ltd.	1941	Harihar	Centre Lathe
			Hubli	Cupstar Lathe, Tutor
			Sattur	Grinding Machine
3.	Kirloskar Electrical Co.Ltd	1946	Bangalore	Transformer
			Hubli	Alternators
			Mysore	Motors
			Pinya	
4.	Kirloskar Oil Engine Ltd.	1946	Pune	Oil Engines
			Hemberg	Air Conditioners
5.	Kirloskar Pneumatic Co.	1958	Pune	Pneumatics
6.	Bharat Forge Co. Ltd.	1961	Pune	Complex Porting Machines
7.	Kirloskar Commins Ltd.	1962	Pune	Heavy duty Diesel Engines
8.	Kirloskar Tractors Ltd.	1970	Nasik	Tractors
9.	Kirloskar Brothers Ltd.	1988	Karad	Iron Flows
			Pune	Chop cutters
				Vertical Lathe
				Planning m/c



TABLE 2.1 Contd.... COMPANIES ABROAD

SR. NO.	NAME	COUNTRY
1	Indo-Malasia Engineering Co. Ltd.,	Malasia
2	Hydrogen Limited	Mauritius
3	F. H. Schelle Gumbh	West Germany
4	S. P. P. International Ltd.	U. K.
5	S. P. P. International Ltd.	U. S. A.

SUBSIDIARIES OF KIRLOSKAR GROUP

1.	Kirloskar Electrodyne	Pune
2	G. G. Dandekar	Bhivandi
3.	Kirloskar Filters	Pune
4.	Lubriker	Pune
5.	Hemastic Motors	Karad
6.	Precision Tooling System	Sattur
7.	Lakaki Works	Longme
8.	Kirloskar Computer Service Limited	Bangalore
9.	Kirloskar Warner Sawase Limited	Hubli
10.	Kirloskar Investment & Finance Pvt. Ltd.	Bangalore



SATTUR UNIT - AN OVERVIEW

Sri. Rajaram, the second son of Late, Sri. Laxmanrao Kirloskar, established the machine tool making industry at Harihar, in Chitradurga District, of Karnataka State with the help of Mysore Maharaj in 1941.

The Sattur unit was established in 1968, to cater to the needs of castings of the group of companies. As the unit has the capacityⁱⁿ excess of the internal requirement, it started marketing its castings outside to other companies. The unit at present produces about 375 tonnes of castings every month.

The company has a total manpower strength of 388 employees comprising of 35 staff, 17 clerks, and 336 workers at its Sattur unit.

The Head Office of this unit is situated at Harihar with its Corporate Office at Bangalore.

2.2 WALCHANDNAGAR INDUSTRIES LIMITED

The Walchandnagar Industries Limited, Tiwac Division was incorporated as a public limited company under the Indian Companies Act of 1956, in the year 1961.

The main object of the company was to manufacture and sell mechanical handwound alarm time pieces, watches, clocks, etc., in collaboration with M/s Adam Engineering Company, London and M/s Lowise Schwab Company, Switzerland in the year 1963. The Tiwac Division agreed to purchase the drawings of 'SWITO' one day Alarm Time Pieces and the Press Tools along with the trade mark.

Due to the unfavourable conditions in the market, the company could not continue its existence. Hence, it was subsequently, closed in the year 1968.

Then, the Board of Directors approached M/s Premier Construction Company Limited, Bombay, which belongs to M/s Walchand Group of Industries, Bombay. As a result, M/s Premier Construction Co. Ltd., invested an amount of Rs. 2 lakhs and helped to run the company again.

During the period of 1972, the company was in the position to close down again. At this time, M/s Walchand Group took step in day-to-day management of the company. Three nominees of the Group joined the Board of Directors of the company. The company then was renamed as "Tiwac Industries Limited".

On 22nd March 1982, the company amalgamated with M/s Walchand Group and known as "Walchandnagar Ind. Ltd., Tiwac. It has 171 employees, comprising 60 females and 111 males.