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## वृत्तसंस्था

मुंबई, गुरुवार - डब्ल्यूटीसी अर्थात मुंबईतील जागतिक व्यापार केंद्र व्यापार वाढविण्यासाठी उत्कृष्ट काम करत आहे. व्यापार आणि गुंतवणुकीला पाठिंबा देण्यासाठी त्यांच्याकडून मोठा हातभार लावला जातो आहे. व्यापार, उद्योग आणि निर्यात क्षेत्राला प्रोत्साहन देण्यासाठी प्रशंसनीय अशी कामगिरी ते करत असून या कामासाठी मी वर्ल्ड ट्रेड सेंटर असोसिएशनचं कौतुक करू इच्छितो, अशा शब्दात केंद्रीय मंत्री व्ही.के. सिंह यांनी वर्ल्ड ट्रेड सेंटरचं कौतुक केले.

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मुंबईवरील ९/११ च्या



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Earlier in his welcome address, **Mr. Kamal Morarka, Chairman, World Trade Centre Mumbai** remarked, "World Trade Centers Association Day is being celebrated since 2002 to promote peace and solidarity following the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center New York. The world is shrinking, communication has reached unimaginable heights and extensive micromanagement has prevented similar incidents thereafter."

Speaking about the role of World Trade Centre Mumbai, Mr. Morarka said, "World Trade Centre Mumbai is among the top 20 World Trade Centers across the world in promoting international trade. Last year, World Trade Centre Mumbai received more than 60 foreign delegations. World Trade Centers across the world promote goodwill through international trade."

**Mr. Vijay Kalantri, Vice Chairman, World Trade Centre Mumbai & Director, World Trade Centers Association, New York** proposed vote of thanks for the event.

On this occasion, **Gen. (Dr.) Singh (Retd.)** also gave farewell felicitation to **Dr. Norbert Révai-Bere, Dean, Consular Corps in Mumbai and Consul General of Hungary in Mumbai** as he is going to leave India soon.

The event was also attended by representatives from industry, consular corps, academic and research institutions, government departments and non government organizations.

# एकता वाढविण्यासाठी संरक्षणवाद आणि दहशतवाद रोखा

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व्यापार व अर्थव्यवस्था देशाच्या विकासासाठी अत्यंत महत्वाच्या आहेत. याशिवाय देशाचा विकास शक्यच नाही. जेव्हा एखादी इमारत तयार होते, तेव्हा ती इमारत तयार करताना त्यामध्ये वापरलेल्या विटा, सिमेंट या सगळ्याकडे न पाहता त्याच्यामागे उद्दिष्ट काय? हे पाहणं अतिशय महत्वाचं आहे. मुंबईवरील ९/११ च्या दहशतवादी हल्ल्यानंतर मोठा परिणाम झाला होता. पण, आता वर्ल्ड ट्रेड सेंटर न्यूयॉर्कने व्यापारासंदर्भात आशावादी चित्र निर्माण केले आहे. त्या हल्ल्याने अनेक घडामोडी स्पष्ट झाल्या. दहशतवादी हल्ले हा सर्वात मोठा प्रश्न आहे. दहशतवाद्याला कुठलीही जात नसते किंवा रंग व धर्मही नसतो. अशा घटनांची पुनरावृत्ती व्हायला नको, याची आज आपण सगळे शपथ घेऊया असे, वर्ल्ड ट्रेड सेंटर येथे परराष्ट्र व्यवहार राज्यमंत्री, सेवानिवृत्त जनरल



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भाजप सरकार सत्तेत आल्यापासून गेल्या चार वर्षांत अशा प्रकारची कुठलीही घटना घडली नाही. हे लोकांमध्ये असलेल्या एकतेमुळे व आर्थिक उलाढालींमुळे शक्य झालं. भारत सर्वात जास्त दहशतवादीकृत्यांच्या घटनांना सामोरा गेला आहे. युनायटेड नेशन्समध्ये दहशतवादाविरोधात भारताने व्यापक मसुदा सादर केला आहे. मी आशा करते की सर्व राष्ट्रांना हा अधिवेशन पार पाडण्यास आणि दहशतवादविरोधी युद्धात सहभागी होण्यास मदत करेल. भारतातील ९० टक्के व्यापार हा समुद्रीमार्गे होतो. त्यामुळे इंडो-पॅसिफिक विभागात शांतता आणि स्थिरता वाढविण्यासाठी भर दिला जाणार असल्याचे त्यांनी सांगितले. यावेळी राज्याचे पर्यटनमंत्री जयकुमार रावल यांनीही मार्गदर्शन केले.

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