

World Trade Center Mumbai Tribute to Sir M. Visvesvaraya on Engineers' Day

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Mumbai: A host of tributes from the Prime Minister Narendra Modi and business leaders echoed on the occasion of "**Engineers' Day**," which marked the 164th birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya on September 15.

Prime Minister Modi, in a message on X, said "Today, on Engineers Day, I pay homage to Sir M. Visvesvaraya, whose brilliance left an indelible mark on India's glittering landscape."

"I extend warm greetings to all engineers who, through their creativity and determination, continue to drive innovation and tackle tough challenges across sectors. Our engineers will continue playing a crucial role in the collective efforts to build a Viksit Bharat," Modi said.

Meanwhile, the Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya Industrial Research Development Center (MVIRDC) World Trade Center, Mumbai paid glowing tributes to the "legendary engineer and visionary statesman whose pioneering contributions in irrigation, dams and industrial infrastructure laid the foundation of modern India's engineering landscape and instilled the ethos of self-reliance."

"Sir Visvesvaraya was not only an engineer of structures, but also an architect of possibilities, progress and nation-building," Dr. Vijay Kalantri, Chairman, MVIRDC WTC Mumbai, said while adding that Sir Visvesvaraya's vision to establish WTC Mumbai was rooted in promoting technology, trade and joint ventures with vision — of **"Spreading Prosperity through Trade"** – that continues to inspire the WTC Mumbai's mission of connecting Indian enterprise with global opportunities.

Highlighting the role of engineers in shaping society, Kalantri said "They are the true builders of progress, designing not just bridges of steel and concrete, but bridges between ideas and action, innovation and impact."

"India produces more than 1.5 million engineers annually and their greatest calling lies beyond employment in entrepreneurship, innovation and leadership. The world's most pressing challenges – climate change, digital inclusion, healthcare access – will not be solved by routine, but by engineers who dare to think differently and act boldly," he said.

Thanking the Government of India for its continued emphasis on STEM education, which supports youth through numerous initiatives that strengthen human capital and the innovation ecosystem, Kalantri noted that these measures, along with India's vibrant '**startup**' culture, provided fertile ground for engineers to excel as job creators and nation-builders.

The WTC Mumbai ensured that Sir M. Visvesvaraya's legacy is carried forward through the institution's "**Business Incubator**," which provides entrepreneurs with access to funding, laboratories, office spaces, mentorship, investor connections, legal advisory and customer networks, he said while noting that by nurturing this ecosystem, WTC Mumbai empowers engineers to transform ideas into impactful enterprises.