

Dr. Vijay Kalantri and Team pays tribute to Sir M.Visvesvaraya on Engineers' Day

Mumbai : On the occasion of Engineers' Day, marking the 164th birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya, MVRDC World Trade Center Mumbai pays heartfelt tribute 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, said Dr. Vijay Kalantri, President All India Association of Industries (AIAI) and Chairman, MVRDC WTC Mumbai.

Sir Visvesvaraya's vision to establish WTC Mumbai was rooted in promoting technology, trade, and joint ventures, with the guiding motto of "Spreading Prosperity through Trade." That vision continues to inspire WTC Mumbai's mission of connecting Indian enterprise with global opportunities.

Reflecting on the role of engineers in shaping society, Dr. Kalantri remarked that 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, 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



Dr. Vijay Kalantri garlanding Bharat Ratna Sir. M. Visvesvaraya, the founder of MVRDC WTC Mumbai on the occasion of Engineers' Day. Seen in the picture (L to R): Ms. Sangeeta Jain, Senior Director - AIAI; Dr. Vijay Kalantri, President AIAI and Chairman MVRDC WTC Mumbai and ; Ms. Priya Pansare, Director – Trade and Investment Promotion; Mr. Santosh Kotre, Director – Finance, Accounts and Admin; and Mr. Ashwin Khanna, Deputy Director – Marketing and Operations

by routine, but by engineers who dare to think differently and act boldly.

Dr. Kalantri thanked 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. These measures, he remarked, along with India's vibrant startup culture, provide fertile ground for engineers to excel as job creators and nation-builders.

At WTC Mumbai, 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. By nurturing this ecosystem, WTC Mumbai empowers engineers to transform ideas into impactful enterprises.

"As we celebrate Engineers' Day, let us remember that the future of India will not be imported - it will be engineered. The true tribute to Sir M. lies in inspiring every engineer to ask not 'Where will I work?' but 'What will I build?' - creating livelihoods, driving innovation, and shaping a resilient, self-reliant India," Dr. Kalantri concluded

