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WTC Mumbai Leads Dialogue on Rare Earths, Industrial Policy, and Strategic Autonomy

Mumbai, January 30, 2026: At a crucial juncture when the developed and militarily powerful nations are scrambling to source rare earth, the just concluded high-level Round Table Discussion on rare earth turns globally significant.

World Trade Center Mumbai in association with the All India Association of Industries (AIAI) and the Forum for Integrated National Security (FINS), convened a high-level Round Table Discussion on “Rare Earths, Minerals, and Strategic Materials: Securing Supply Chains for National Resilience in a Multipolar World.”



From left to right: Mr. Santosh Kotra, Director, Finance, Accounts and Admin, World Trade Center, Mumbai; Dr. Jajit Bhattacharya, Senior Fellow, FINS, and President, Centre for Digital Economy Policy Research; Ms. Priya Pansare, Director, Trade and Investment Promotion, World Trade Center, Mumbai; Dr. Vijay Kalantri, Chairman, World Trade Center Mumbai and President, All India Association of Industries and Adv. Bal Desai, Secretary General, Forum for Integrated National Security (FINS) during the launch of a Rare Earth report made by MVRDC World Trade Center, Mumbai

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This Mumbai-event turns globally significant from scientific, strategic and commercial angles as the demand for rare earth metals projected to grow by an average of six percent annually until 2020 from 131,000 tons of rare earth oxide in 2020 to 188,300 tons (until 2030).