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Dr. Vijay Kalantri Reflects on 2025 Achievements and Outlines Strategic Vision for Global Trade Partnership

MUMBAI RMN.IN(E) As India steps into 2026, the World Trade Centre (WTC) Mumbai extends heartfelt greetings and best wishes to its stakeholders, partners, members, and the broader trade and industry community.

Dr. Vijay Kalantri, Chairman, World Trade Centre Mumbai and President, All India Association of Industries (AIAI), while reflecting on the organization's achievements throughout the year said, "The year 2025 witnessed significant milestones for WTC Mumbai as it reinforced its position as a premier trade facilitation platform connecting Indian businesses to global opportunities. The organization successfully orchestrated multiple high-impact initiatives, including the 10th Global Economic Summit, the 6th World Trade Expo, and the WTCA Asia Pacific Conference, each serving as a strategic nexus for policy dialogue, business networking, and trade promotion".

"Beyond these flagship events, WTC Mumbai deepened its commitment to MSMEs through capacity building workshops, trade education programs, and bilateral trade facilitation missions. The organization's sustained engagement with government bodies, international trade delegations, and industry associations reinforced India's strategic positioning in global trade architecture and demonstrated the institution's catalytic role in translating policy objectives into tangible commercial outcomes".

Articulating a vision for continued growth and institutional excellence, Dr. Kalantri, in his New Year message stated "As we transition into 2026 the year ahead presents unprecedented opportunities and formidable challenges. The global trade landscape continues to undergo structural transformation, marked by evolving supply chains, digital commerce integration, climate imperatives, and geopolitical realignments. In this context, institutions like WTC Mumbai serve as bridges—connecting aspiring Indian entrepreneurs to global markets, translating policy frameworks into business reality, and ensuring that trade becomes a vehicle for sustainable development".

"We are committed to strengthening WTC Mumbai's engagement with emerging sectors—digital trade, green commerce, and knowledge-intensive industries—where India possesses competitive advantages and transformational potential. Equally important is our continued focus on MSME empowerment, recognizing that these enterprises are the backbone of India's employment generation and export dynamism".

He further said, "On behalf of WTC Mumbai, I extend warm wishes for health, prosperity, and success for all of us. May this year bring better and sustained growth rates above 8% to achieve the status of third largest economy and help us further to move towards our goal of *Viksit Bharat* by 2047".