High-level Delegation from MVIRDC Led by Dr Vijay

Date: 12 -14 June 2026

With the objective of strengthening institutional relations, promoting trade and investment opportunities, and enhancing cooperation between key stakeholders in Goa, a high-level delegation led by Dr. Vijay Kalantri, Chairman, World Trade Center Mum bai and President, All India Association of Industries (AIAI), visited Goa from 12th to 14th June 2026.

The distinguished delegation comprised:

• Dr. Vijay Kalantri – Chairman, World Trade Center Mumbai and President, All India Association of Industries • Captain Somesh Batra – Chairman, World Trade Center Bhubaneswar

• Mr. Shatad Upasani – Chairman, World Trade Cen ter Goa

• Mr. Santosh Kotre – Director, Finance, Accounts & Administration, World Trade Center Mumbai During their visit, the delegation engaged with several eminent dignitaries, policymakers, and business leaders in Goa, discussing avenues for economic cooperation, investment promotion, tourism development, international partnerships, and sustainable growth initiatives. Meetings with Distinguished Dignitaries The delegation had the privilege of meeting and inter acting with the following esteemed personalities:

•Hon'ble Shri Shripad Naik, Minister of State for New and Renewable Energy & Power, Government of India

• Hon'ble Shri Joshua D'Souza, Deputy Speaker, Goa Legislative Assembly

• Hon'ble Shri Rohan Khaunte, Minister for Tourism, Government of Goa

• Advocate Carlos Ferreira, Member of the Goa Legislative Assembly

• His Excellency Mr. João Ribeiro de Almeida, Ambassador of Portugal to India

• Ms. Manuela Franco, Consul General of Portugal in Goa

The discussions focused on strengthening international trade and investment linkages, enhancing Goa's global visibility, promoting tourism and cultural exchanges, and exploring collaborative initiatives that could bene fit the state's economic development. Participation in Portugal Day Celebrations A significant highlight of the visit was the delegation's participation in the grand Portugal Day Celebrations, hosted by the Consulate General of Portugal in Goa at Cidade de Goa. The event brought together diplomats, government representatives, business leaders, and members of the Indo-Portuguese community, providing an excellent platform for networking and strengthening bilateral relations between India and Portugal. The delegation interacted with several distinguished guests during the celebrations and reaffirmed the commitment of the World Trade Center network towards fostering stronger economic, trade, and cultural ties between the two nations. Interaction with Business Leadership The delegation also met with Mr. Avdut Timblo, one of Goa's most respected industrialists and business leaders, with significant interests in the mining and health care sectors. Discussions centered on Goa's investment climate, emerging business opportunities, industrial development, and

avenues for collaboration with the World Trade Center ecosystem. Visit to World Trade Center Goa The delegation visited WTC Goa and offered valuable advice and suggestions to officials and staff of WTC Goa. The delegation in turn was appraised of the Trade Pro motion events conducted by the center as well as the major forthcoming events planned to be organized by Center up to December 2026.

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