

**Inauguration of WIN Part I
Istanbul
February 3, 2011 at 10.30 am**

Address by Mr Aman Chadha, Chairman, EEPC India

Good Morning, Distinguished Guests, Friends, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I deem it a proud privilege to welcome you all on the occasion of the inauguration of WIN Part I.

A hearty welcome to H.E. Mr Jyotiraditya Scindia,

our dynamic Minister of State for Commerce & Industry to this historic city of Istanbul

H.E. Dr.P Shankar Rao – Minister for Handloom& Textiles, Spinning Mills, Small Scale Industry, K&VI Board, Public Enterprises

From the state of Andhra Pradesh

I am, indeed grateful, to you Sirs for having taken all the trouble to travel from India to be with us and encourage us on this occasion.

I would also like to take this opportunity to extend a welcome from the people of India to the other dignitaries on the dias and also the captains of Industry in Turkey.

A special welcome to

Mr.Uday Kumar Verma – Secretary Indian Ministry of MSME,

Mrs.Bharati Sihag – Joint Secretary – Dept of Commerce

Mr.R.Karikalvalaven – Commissioner of Industries Andhra Pradesh

Mrs.Sangeeta Godbole – Director department of commerce

And Mr.R.K.Rai – Director Ministry of MSME

For being with us this morning and for making India show possible

I would also like to welcome

Dr.Ramesh Chandra – Charge d'affaires Embassy of India

Mr.Vanlalhuma Consul General, Istanbul

For their distinguished presence

As you are aware that India is a partner country at this show

The India show is a unique exhibition which showcases the strengths of Indian engineering

Ladies and Gentlemen, when I heard a couple of months ago that EEPC India will be organizing its first "India Show" in Istanbul,

I was reminded of the famous words of the French Author, Andre Maurois.

He said and I quote: *"If you create an act, you create a habit. If you create a habit, you create character. If you create a character, you create a destiny.* Unquote.

We will create a new tryst with destiny

as we pledge to cement this unique relationship further

not only during the course of this week but for years to come.

Independent India will be sixty four years old later this august.

During the last six and half decades, India has weathered many crises of varied dimensions.

But the spirit of entrepreneurship;

of engaging with people of the world;

and the desire to share our diverse experiences with others is something we have always cherished.

Ladies & Gentleman

Many a times on my foreign visits,

I have been asked are there snake charmers and elephants on the roads of India.

Unfortunately these people do not know the India that is today.

Yes we had snake charmers and elephants on the streets of India at some time

And we are proud of our past.

Unfortunately for these few they do not know

We snake charmers are the people

Who gave the concept of 0 to the world

The science of ayurveda

We who rode on elephants are now

The largest manufacturer of Tractors in the world– Mahindra & Mahindra

The largest manufacturer of motorcycles in the world – Hero Honda

The Largest manufacturer of scooters in the world – Bajaj

It is an Indian company TATA that owns prestigious automobile company's like Jaguar & Land Rover.

Our IT Sector is so highly developed & Company's like Infosys serve as role models to the world.

Our scientist are also doing a great job in the field of space,

We might not be the first people to land on the moon but we are the first to discover water on the moon.

The list goes on.

Today we have with us 169 engineering companies to share with you all the advances that we have made through the last six and half decades.

In fact I would like to point out that more than 40% of engineering exports from India go to the US and EU.

This just shows the level of quality of Indian engineering products

India is also being considered as the global hub for R&D

because of the large skilled manpower that we have.

India churns out 400,000 engineers every year

as compared to only 60,000 in the US

and 100,000 from the whole of the European Union.

Hence we have abundant supply of skilled manpower

As a result of which large Multi National Corporations are taking advantage

And setting up there R& D bases in India like Boeing, GE, Honeywell

another example of our engineering skill is production of the Nano Car,

which has revolutionized the automotive space and this engineering marvel has been completely designed and manufactured in India at a sale price of US\$ 2000.

I am also proud to say that my Council, EEPC India,

has been instrumental in shaping the destiny of India's engineering exports,

which have increased from USD 10 million in 1955, the year in which the council was created,

to an estimated USD 51 billion in the current fiscal year.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

let me also draw attention to another aspect that is seldom highlighted.

India does not believe in one way trade.

In the engineering sector for instance,

while we export around USD 51 billion of goods annually,

our imports of engineering goods is anything between USD 55-60 billion per year.

Hence we import more engineering goods than we export

And we welcome these imports

as it provides our industry critical raw materials,

capital equipments,

and makes our units a part of the global engineering value chain.

We do believe that this India Show

will enable us to attain the Bilateral India-Turkey Trade target of USD 5 billion by 2012

and USD 10 billion in the next 10 years.

With these few words may I request you all to visit the India pavilion.

Thank You

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