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Lankan to deliver Sir Visvesvaraya memorial lecture

Engineer (Gp. Capt.) P. Mervyn Gunasekera has been invited by the Institution of Engineers, to deliver the 45th Sir Mokshgundam Visvesvaraya Memorial Lecture at the Indian Engineering Congress at Patna, India on December 20.

Sir Visvesvaraya is regarded as the pathfinder in planning and pioneering the industrialisation of India. Every year, September 15 is celebrated as 'Engineers Day' in India to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sir Visvesvaraya and also to inspire members of the engineering community to his ideals. He received the Bharat Ratna in 1955. Sir Visvesvaraya was honoured by a number of universities. He was recipient of the Durga Prasad Khaitan Memorial Gold Medal awarded by the Royal Asiatic Society, Calcutta.

This is the first time a Sri Lankan engineer is delivering the Sir Visvesvaraya Memorial Lecture. Gunasekera is the President of the Federation of Engineering Institutions of South and Central Asia and also a past president of the Institution of Engineers, Sri Lanka.