Mr. Amit B. Kalyani

Vice Chairman and Joint Managing Director, Bharat Forge Limited

Mr. Amit B. Kalyani is Vice Chairman and Joint Managing Director of Bharat Forge Limited, the flagship company of the Kalyani Group, which is valued at INR 93,000 crores. He has been recently appointed as the Chairman of Kalyani Steels.

An engineer by training, he joined the company in 1999 and has since played a central role in its growth, its diversification and its adoption of new technology. Bharat Forge is among the world's largest forging companies. It operates the world's largest single location forging facility, in Pune, and is India's largest manufacturer and exporter of automotive components, with manufacturing locations in five countries and a customer base that includes virtually every global automotive OEM and Tier 1 supplier. The Group has also expanded into speciality steel, defence and aerospace, e-mobility and technology ventures. Mr. Kalyani is a consistent advocate of technology led manufacturing as the foundation of India's economic growth, in line with the national priorities of Aatmanirbhar Bharat, Sushakt Bharat Surakshit Bharat and Viksit Bharat 2047.

Education and Career

Mr. Kalyani holds a bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering from Bucknell University in Pennsylvania, U.S.A., and is an alumnus of the Owner/President Management Program at Harvard Business School. He joined Bharat Forge in 1999 as Chief Technology Officer and began on the shop floor, where he led one of the early digitalisation and automation programmes in Indian industry.

He was appointed Executive Director in 2004, Deputy Managing Director in 2019, and Vice Chairman and Joint Managing Director in 2024. Over this period his work has moved from manufacturing into information technology, finance and corporate strategy. He is also Chairman of Kalyani Steels Limited.

Growth and Strategy

Mr. Kalyani leads finance, mergers and acquisitions, talent development and growth strategy at Bharat Forge, and oversees domestic and international operations, ESG initiatives, human capital management and enterprise functions. He has led both organic and inorganic growth, including strategic acquisitions, global expansion and the integration of new technologies. Under his leadership the company has moved from supplying components to providing integrated systems and solutions in higher growth sectors.

Technology and Innovation

Mr. Kalyani holds that India will compete in manufacturing by being faster and smarter rather than simply cheaper. Consistent with this view, artificial intelligence, data driven operations and digital engineering have been introduced across the Group's plants. He established an AI incubation lab to speed up the adoption of advanced technologies, and he has led the Group's entry into e-mobility, advanced materials and embedded systems. The Group's Centres for Technology and Innovation connect in house research with universities, global technology companies and start-ups.

He promotes the same agenda across industry as Chairman of the CII Smart Manufacturing Council. The goals he emphasises are high value employment, domestic industrial capability and a stronger Indian position in global value chains.

Defence and Aerospace

Mr. Kalyani considers self-reliance in defence manufacturing essential to national security. Under his leadership the Group has invested in the indigenous design, development and manufacture of defence platforms and systems, including artillery systems, protected vehicles and aerospace components. This work is among the notable contributions of Indian private industry to the national goal of Sushakt Bharat Surakshit Bharat.

Sustainability and People

As Chairman of the ESG Committee of Bharat Forge, Mr. Kalyani has defined the company's sustainability strategy, with a focus on renewable energy, energy efficiency, reduced environmental impact and carbon neutrality across its global operations. He has aligned the company's ESG and CSR initiatives under a single approach, which has led to improved ESG performance and industry recognition. He has also revamped the company's HR strategy to build a workforce suited to its long-term goals.

Industry and Policy Engagement

Mr. Kalyani is a regular participant at the World Economic Forum in Davos and takes part in its Digital Manufacturing and Automotive Governors communities. He chairs the FICCI Committee on HR and Skills and has served on Government of India committees covering manufacturing, education, skill development and bilateral relations. He has been a member of the advisory board of Capgemini India and an Independent Director on the board of Schaeffler India Limited, and he is an active member of the Young Presidents' Organization.

Education and Community

Mr. Kalyani is Founding Chairman of the Pratham Pune Education Foundation, which provides quality primary education to children from underserved communities. In 2015, together with his wife, Mrs. Deeksha Kalyani, he founded The Kalyani School, a not-for-profit institution offering modern, high quality education. Through the Group's skill development initiatives, he also supports the development of a skilled industrial workforce.

Interests

Mr. Kalyani is a patron of the arts and values creativity and original thinking in engineering as much as in art. He has a strong interest in entrepreneurship and innovation and takes a personal interest in mentoring young entrepreneurs and supporting start-ups.