



Mr. Vijay Kalantri
Chairman & Managing Director
Balaji Infra Projects Ltd

Mr. Vijay Kalantri – Founder Chairman & Managing Director of Balaji Infra Projects Ltd (BIPL) is a well known leading industrialist and a multi faceted personality with a vast experience in the field of management, power projects and ports. Due to his vision and foresight the group has touched new heights of success.

A first generation entrepreneur Mr. Kalantri started at a very young age and is a self made man, deeply rooted in Indian values. He is also characteristically the modern man. “A man of the new millennium”. This is clearly reflected in his enthusiasm for mega-sized ventures.

Mr. Kalantri’s vision has led to the successful implementation of Dighi Port a mega project. Maharashtra’s first Greenfield port at Dighi, Raigad, the port is near ready and will be operational by early 2010. The Port is being built with an integrated infrastructural format which includes a Special Economic Zone inclusive of a Free Trade Warehousing Zone and a logistics hub. Dighi Port will be the first port under the public private partnership in Maharashtra under the BOOST system.

He is also on the Board of Directors of various leading industries such as VIP Industries Ltd., Man Industries Ltd., Indian Acrylics, Hindustan Housing Finance & Development Corp. and Vindhyachal Hydro Power Projects Ltd.

Mr. Kalantri excels in international banking practices and participates regularly in international conferences and seminars on banking and finance. He has been on the Board of Directors of several leading nationalized banks which include Dena Bank, SIDBI and Canara Bank.

Besides being an industrialist Mr. Kalantri is associated with leading national and international industry chambers and other trade promotion organizations. He is the President of All India Association of Industries ('AIAI'), Vice President of World Trade Centre, Mumbai and is Director International of World Trade Centre, New York.

Mr. Vijay Kalantri has led and participated at various delegations representing business and industry internationally and has had the honor to meet and discuss bilateral trade issues with Hon'ble Prime Ministers Margaret Thatcher, John Major and the Prime Ministers of China, Poland and Mauritius. He represents the Indian industry at the round table conference of the "World Economic Forum" every year and has also attended the "World Trade Organization" ministerial conferences at Singapore, Geneva and Seattle.

As part of his role in various organizations, he has actively espoused the cause of Business Continuity Management.

Mr. Kalantri is a Senate Member of The University of Mumbai. His role in promoting the cause of professional bodies is reflected in his involvement with a host of organizations representing a vast cross section of the Indian workforce. He has addressed conferences at national and international Universities and Management Schools. His vast experience in organizational matters has led him to organize several workshops, conferences and seminars on various economic issues of importance to India. The focus of these events also include the Emerging Power Scenario, Role of Capital Market in Economic Growth, Export Strategy, Family Business, Planning and Industry, Infrastructure Development, South East Asian crisis and problems and prospects of Medium and Small Scale Industries.

Apart from his business Mr. Kalantri is a man of myriad interests and is a philanthropist. He is the Chairman of National Foundation for Teachers Welfare in Greater Mumbai. He has been in the forefront of people's causes and as the former Honorary Secretary of the Mayors Fund Committee, he is instrumental in providing valuable assistance to members of the weaker sections and the needy.

Mr. Kalantri has served as a member on the National Tripartite Committee on Family Welfare and he is the Chairman of the Armed Forces Flag Day in Mumbai.

Mr. Kalantri has been a member of the National Integration Council, Advisory Board on Foreign Investment, Indian Labour Conference, Standing Committee on Labour, Primary Market Advisory Board of SEBI, Advisory Board of Corporate Governance of SIDBI and Committee on Equal Remuneration. In addition, he has served as member of the Small Scale Industries Standing Committee on Exports and Upgradation, Apex Committee on Defence Industry, Zonal Railway Users Committee, besides various state and central government advisory committees, besides various state and central government advisory committees.

Mr. Kalantri has been honored with several National and International awards such as the “Rajasthan Shree” for Outstanding Services for Industry, Award for Assisting in Collection Drive for Ex-Servicemen by collector of Mumbai, & International Youth Award by American Biographical Institute and is also the “recipient of the highest civilian award of Poland, “ Commander Cross of the Order of Merit, conferred on him by the President of Poland to a non-Polish civilian.