

Detailed Bio



Baba N Kalyani,

Chairman & MD, Bharat Forge Ltd.

Born on 7 January 1949 to Sulochana and Neelkanth Kalyani, a Pune based industrialist, Babasaheb Neelkanth Kalyani, completed his high school from Rashtriya Military School Belgaum, formerly the King George's Royal Indian Military School. He pursued B.E. (Hons) in Mechanical Engineering from the prestigious Birla Institute of Technology & Science, Pilani and subsequently, earned his Master of Science from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston, USA in the year 1972.

Babasaheb Neelkanth Kalyani is today the Chairman & Managing Director of Bharat Forge Limited (BFL), flagship company of the USD 3 billion Kalyani Group, a leading engineering conglomerate headquartered in Pune, Maharashtra. Kalyani group companies have joint ventures with global MNCs including Meritor USA, Maxion Wheels, Brazil; ELBIT Systems Ltd., and Rafael Advanced Defence Systems from Israel among others.

Baba Kalyani joined Bharat Forge in 1972 when the company's annual turnover was a mere USD 1.3 million. His strong '**entrepreneurial drive**' clubbed with the penchant for equipping '**best-in-class technology**' has elevated the company to be recognized as a '**category leader**' in the global automotive and industrial landscape. With manufacturing facilities spread across India, USA, Germany, Sweden and France, the company has a global workforce of over 10,000 employees and has a consolidated turnover of about USD 1.4 Billion. Bharat Forge Limited (BFL) is today widely **acknowledged as No.1 forgings company** in the world with the largest repository of metallurgical knowledge in the region and capability to supply sophisticated high-technology components to almost every leading OEM across Automotive, Oil & Gas, Railways, Marine, Mining and Aerospace sectors. Its customer list includes marquee names like Daimler, General Motors, Volkswagen, General Electric, Caterpillar, Leibherr, Boeing, Rolls Royce etc. As India's largest exporter of automotive components, BFL has been at the **forefront in promoting the "Made in India" brand globally**. Every 2nd truck plying in North America has a BFL component etched with the "Made in India" brand, signifying the company's leadership position in the global commercial vehicle industry.

During the past few years, Kalyani Group has also been creating capabilities of highest standards to be **at the forefront of realizing the government's resolve to develop a robust defence industrial base** in the country. The group has successfully established a state-of-the-art Artillery manufacturing plant at Pune and is committed to establish advanced manufacturing facilities for Missiles, Armoured Vehicles, Small Arms and Ammunition. In addition to its research facilities in Pune, the group has set-up exclusive design & development facilities for

Tactical Systems and **Jet Propulsion Technology** in Hyderabad and Bengaluru respectively. Having developed and manufactured six artillery platforms over a span of last 5 years, including DRDO's **Advanced Towed Artillery Gun System (ATAGS)**, Bharat Forge Ltd. today is believed to be well poised to become a major artillery systems manufacturer globally.

As the **Founding President of Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers** and as the Chairman, **CII – National Committee for Defence**, Mr. Kalyani has been championing the cause of increasing the participation of private industry in India's Defence Manufacturing and facilitating successive governments in devising a favourable policy framework to encourage private sector investments in the sector.

Baba Kalyani is also the **Founding Chairman of Pratham Pune Education Foundation**, an NGO that is engaged in providing primary education to children belonging to under-privileged sections of the local community. Since its inception in 2000, Pratham Pune has brought a positive change in the lives of over 150,000 children in Pune society. Under his guidance, Bharat Forge Ltd. is also providing **free technical and vocational training** to rural youth at government owned **Industrial Training Institute** in Pune district that is being run as a Public-Private partnership, a model being replicated in other parts of the country. Mr. Kalyani also supports various other NGOs and charitable institutes engaged in **Education, Skills Development, Environmental Sustainability, Women Empowerment, Sports and Healthcare**.

Acknowledging his contribution to promote India's trade globally, the Prime Minister of India nominated Baba Kalyani as the **Co-Chairman of the India-Japan Business Leaders' Forum** in the year 2013 and as the **Co-Chairman of India-Sweden Business Leaders' Roundtable** in the year 2016. Mr. Kalyani is also an active member of the **US India CEO's Forum, Indo-French CEO's Forum, Indo-UK CEO's Forum** and **India-Israel CEO's Forum**.

In recognition of his significant contribution to Industry, Trade and service to the community, Baba Kalyani has been conferred with highest civilian awards from many countries which include, **Padma Bhushan** by the Hon'ble President of India; **Cross of the Order of Merit, Germany; Commander First Class of the Royal Order of the Polar Star, Sweden; Knight in the Order of the Legion of Honour, France**. Some of the other notable awards are the Global Economy Prize 2009 for Business by Kiel Institute, Germany; Doctor of Science (*honoris causa*) by IIT Kharagpur; Forge Master conferred at the 20th International Forging Convention in Nov. 2011; Doctor of Science (*honoris causa*) by Deakin University, Australia; Bharatratna **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Memorial Award** by FKCCI, Bangalore; **Maharashtrian of the Year Award by Lokmat** in Feb 2019; **Lokmanya Tilak National Award** in August 2019, Institute of Directors (IOD) Distinguished Fellowship Award, New Delhi; Lifetime Achievement Award by Asian Business Leadership Forum, Abu Dhabi; **BITS-Pilani Distinguished Alumni Award** and several others.