

Mr. Vijay Kalantri
Chairman & Managing Director
Dighi Port Limited

Mr. Vijay Kalantri-Chairman & Managing Director of Dighi Port Limited is a well-known leading industrialist with a vast experience in the field of Finance & Infrastructure.

A first generation entrepreneur Mr. Kalantri started at a very young age and is a self made man. Although deeply rooted in Indian values. He is also characteristically a man of the new millennium with excellent leadership qualities this is clearly reflected in his teamwork and management to realize his goals.

Mr. Kalantri's business acumen and far sightedness has propelled him to take on the challenging venture 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 developed on an integrated infrastructure format which encompasses a Special Economic Zone inclusive of a Free Trade Warehousing Zone and a logistics hub within the Delhi Mumbai Industrial corridor. Dighi Port will be the first port under the public private partnership in Maharashtra under the BOOST system.

Mr. Kalantri 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 is an active participant in international conferences and seminars on banking and finance. He has been on the Board of Directors of several major nationalized banks which include Dena Bank, SIDBI and Canara Bank.

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

He has led and participated at various delegations representing business and industry internationally. He participates at the round table conference of the “World Economic Forum” every year and has also attended the “World Trade Organization” ministerial conferences at Singapore, Seattle and Geneva

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 and lectured 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.

Mr. Kalantri has been honored with several National and International awards and is also the recipient of the highest civilians award of Poland, “Commander Cross of the Order of Merit”, conferred on him by the President of Poland to a non Polish civilian.

Mr. Kalantri ‘s contribution towards entrenching effective collaboration into infrastructure delivery practices has unlocked the next generation of infrastructure assets through the development of Dighi Port.