

**MR. ARUN JAITLEY**

**Chief Guest at Jamnalal Bajaj Awards 2017 Ceremony**

Born: December 28, 1952

Mr. Arun Jaitley is an Indian politician and lawyer, who is the current Union Cabinet Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs, Government of India, since 2014 onward. During this period he had held additional Charge of Defence and Information & Broadcasting Ministry, for a brief time.

He is a Senior Advocate of the Supreme Court of India. In 1989-90 he held the position of the Additional Solicitor General, Government of India.

Since 1991, he is the member of the National Executive of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). After being the Party's General Secretary and Spokesperson from July 2002 to January 2003, Mr. Jaitley holds the position of the General Secretary of BJP, since 2004.

From 2009 till May 2014, Mr. Jaitley served as the Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha.

During the period from 2000 to 2002, Mr. Jaitley held the cabinet portfolios of Law, Justice and Company Affairs; and from January 2003 - May 2004 he was the Minister of Commerce and Industry and Minister of Law and Justice.

Mr. Jaitley was a member of the Indian delegation to the United Nations General Assembly Session in June 1998, where the Declaration on Laws relating to Drugs and Money Laundering was approved. He has travelled widely to several countries as part of delegations.

Besides reading and writing on legal and current affairs, Mr. Jaitley has also delivered several lectures on many important subjects including IT Convergence, the Broadcasting Laws of India, Disinvestment and on the Review of the Functioning of the Indian Constitution.

In the field of sports, Mr. Jaitley has held the positions of Vice President of Board of Control for Cricket in India, President of Delhi District Cricket Association and Member of the Governing Council of the Indian Premier League, in the past.

