

# Strategy for UK plant remains unchanged: Tata Steel Chairman

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Tata Steel has embarked on a transformation journey by adopting advanced manufacturing techniques and this will lead to unavoidable job losses, especially in the UK.

N Chandrasekaran, Executive Chairman, Tata Steel, said the company recognises that the transformation is difficult from an execution perspective and also difficult for some of the employees, who will not have a future with Tata Steel, especially in the UK.

The company is working with the government and unions to ensure sufficient investments to support them in skill development so that they can have a better future, he said at the company's annual general meeting on Monday.

Tata Steel is in the process of starting the first blast furnace at Port Talbot plant in UK, followed by the second furnace in September.

This will lead to 2,800 job losses, which is resisted by the union. The newly elec-



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ted Labour government has linked the £500-million grant for Tata Steel UK's energy transition to preserving job losses.

Chandrasekaran said Tata Steel strategy for its UK plant remains unchanged even though the new government has come to power.

## PROJECTS

Last September, the company announced the proposal to invest £1.25 billion in a new Electric Arc Furnace to be commissioned in 2027 at Port Talbot. This project is linked to the final

sign-off, of the £500 million grant by the UK government, he said. Turning to operations in the Netherlands, Tata Steel is in discussions with the Dutch government for financial and policy-level support on a major decarbonisation plan to replace one of the two blast furnaces, said Chandrasekaran.

## INDIA OPERATIONS

In India, he said the company's Kalinganagar phase II expansion is expected to go on stream in September and raise the overall production capacity of hot metal to 8 mtpa.

"We will also look to increase Kalinganagar's capacity to 13 mtpa in the future," he said.

Production capacity at Neelachal Ispat Nigam, which is part of the Kalinganagar eco-system will be ramped up from 1 mtpa to 5.5 mtpa over the coming years.

In the long products segment, the 0.75 mtpa scrap-based low-carbon electric arc furnace plant in Ludhiana is also expected to be commissioned in early 2026, he said.