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From the Desk of Editor-in-Chief



The Editorial Team is pleased to release the 123rd (May 2017) edition of your ezine PreSense with the regular thought-provoking contents.

On 27th May 2017, PreSense organised an impressive function at IIT Madras to honour Nine Parliamentarians for their outstanding performance in the House. Hon'ble Justice (Retd) Shri P Sathasivam, The Governor of Kerala presented the Awards. Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, Hon'ble Minister of State (Finance & CA) was also present.

We also organised a National Seminar on Agriculture Vision 2022 and Tamil Nadu Vision 2022. Many experts and policy makers participated and shared their views.

This edition carries a detailed report on the event and also links to videos recorded on the event.

Please send us your feedback to editor@corpezine.com.

K. Srinivasan

Congratulations Śaṅśād Rātnāś 2017



L to R: Shri Shrirang Appa Barne, Shri Bartruhari Mahtab, Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal (Hon'ble MoS Finance & CA), Justice (Retd) Shri P Sathasivam (Hon'ble Governor of Kerala), Shri N K Premachandran, Shri K N Balagopal, Dr T N Seema, Shri Rajeev Shankarrao Satav, Shri Dhananjay Bhimrao Mahadik, Dr Heena Vijayakumar Gavit



Editorial

Civil Society and Media Should Encourage Performing Parliamentarians and Legislators

The civil society is generally cynical about politicians, and do not differentiate between the performers and non-performers among them. The society's perception is that the entire political community is irresponsible, not realising that they were elected from the civil society they belong to. Be it a bureaucrat, a politician, a professional, an employee or a teacher, they are all from the civil society, which is a conglomerate of people of various characters and value systems. In such an environment, it is unfair to give a sweeping label of 'bad' to the politicians in general.

The media too focusses on the behaviour and sound-bites of only the 'trouble makers' among the politicians, giving them the limelight they do not deserve, for the sake of sensationalism and TRP ratings. The real heroes, who are the initiators of discussions and debates in the Parliament are ignored and go unnoticed. This gives an impression among errant parliamentarians and the people at large, that visibility before the media and the camera is the main objective to be achieved.

Elected politicians govern the state. If governance is in the hands of good politicians, the people naturally stand to benefit. Way back in 2009, at the end of the 14th Lok Sabha session, the entire country was cynical about politicians and Parliamentarians. A casual remark by Dr Abdul Kalam, "Are we not having good Parliamentarians? Why term all bad?" triggered an idea to the Editorial Team of PreSense to identify and honour the achievers.

At the end of the 8th edition of the Sansad Ratna Awards in 2017, the Editorial Team is pleased and proud that this Award is considered the most prestigious award presented by the civil society to Parliamentarians in recognition of their achievement. The award-winning Parliamentarians acknowledge that this Award has motivated them to strive to perform better. This is a silent revolution, generating positivity in action.

During the Sansad Ratna Awards 2017 function held at IIT Madras on 27th May, the focus was on two issues, viz. (1) how MPs should think of innovative projects that help their constituencies and (2) the role of the civil society in appreciating the performing Parliamentarians and Legislators, and actively supporting them in the development of the constituency.

The news about these top performing Parliamentarians should reach the people across the nation. Instead of being cynical and arm-chair critics of the politicians in general, the civil society can definitely play a proactive and participatory role by working alongside their elected representatives for betterment of their own society.

(Data Source: PRS India – data relates to the period from 1-6-2014 to 12-4-2017)

by K. Srinivasan, Editor in Chief



Cover Story

PreSense Honours Outstanding Parliamentarians with Sansad Ratna Awards 2017

The 8th Edition of the Sansad Ratna Awards 2017 and the 6th Edition of the National Seminar on Politics, Democracy and Governance was held in the prestigious IIT Madras campus on Saturday, May 27th, 2017. It was a day-long event of presentation lectures, awards and panel discussions, interspersed with addresses by eminent dignitaries to the function.

Presentation on Indian Parliamentary System



Dr M R Madhavan

The morning started early with people filing in for registration at least an hour before the commencement of the event. Before the first item of the day's programme was due, the auditorium was fast filling up with people from different academic and professional backgrounds. The stage was set for the first presentation by Shri M R Madhavan, President of PRS Legislative Research, Delhi. He made an hour-long interactive presentation on "Making the Indian Parliament More Effective". He concluded the session, proposing some ideas for deliberation to make better sense of governance by the Parliament.

Presentation on Journalism

The second one-hour presentation was by Shri Mukund Padmanabhan, Editor of the prestigious daily newspaper, The Hindu. He spoke about the current and much speculated topic of "Journalism: New Challenges and Threats".



Mukund Padmanabhan

The prime point of the event was the session that followed – The Sansad Ratna Awards 2017 function. The front row of the audience section of the auditorium was already decorated with the presence of Parliamentarians from across the country and across all main political parties. They were the award-winning candidates for their top performance in the just concluded Parliament session. The Honourable Minister of State for Finance and one of the members of the Jury that selected the award winners, Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal too had arrived. The other two Jury members, who were also veteran Parliamentarians, were conspicuous by their absence due to exigencies.

Presentation of Sansad Ratna 2017 Awards

Soon after a brief tea-break, the Chief Guest, Justice (Retired) Shri P.Sathasivam, Honourable Governor of Kerala arrived on the dot to take his seat on the dais, with the Central Minister and the associated team members of the Sansad Ratna Team, led by Shri K.Srinivasan, popularly known as Prime Point Srinivasan. The session kickstarted with the National Anthem, followed by the welcome address by Shri K.Srinivasan, who spoke about



the need for a proactive role of the civil society, and the innovative work Parliamentarians could do in their respective constituencies. Shri P. P. Chaudhary, Honourable Minister of State for Law & Justice, who could not make it to the event, compensated for his absence by sending across a video recording of his message for the occasion. This was played for the benefit of those present at the event.

Prof Krishnan Balasubramanian, Dean of IIT Madras, which were co-partners with Prime Point Foundation and the ezine, PreSense, delivered the keynote address. He spoke of the role of IIT in participating in the nation's economic development through projects with innovative technology that are economical and energy-saving.

The presidential address was presented by the Honourable Minister, Shri Meghwal. In his speech, he lauded the high benchmark laid by the award-winning Parliamentarians and he made a special mention of the Parliamentarian recipients of the Jury's Special "Sansad Ratna Award 2017". He appreciated the quality of their performance in the Parliament. Shri Meghwal also dwelt on the pivotal and pioneering role of Prime Point Foundation under Shri K. Srinivasan, who translated an innovative idea into reality with the institution of the Sansad Ratna Awards.



Award winning MPs with Hon'ble Governor: L to R : Shirang Appa BArne, Bartruhari Mahtab, Arjun Ram Meghwal (MoS), Justice (Retd) P Sathasivam (Hon'ble Governor of Kerala), N K Premachandran, K N Balagopal, Dr T N Seema, Rajeev Shankarrao Satav, Dhananjay Mahadik, Dr Heena V Gavit

This session was selected for honouring Shri M.R. Madhavan as President of PRS Legislative Research for the outstanding work contributed by the institution to the Parliament, and to the civil society through its data collection, analysis and collation. He was awarded a citation by the Chief Guest. The Members of Parliament were then called to the stage individually to receive their respective citations. The awards were presented to them by the Chief Guest, the Honourable Governor. The achievements of the individual MPs were announced as each of them stepped forward onto the stage to receive the award. This was followed by a photo session of the MPs with the Governor and the Minister.

The Chief Guest, Justice (Retd) Shri Sathasivam then took to the podium to deliver his inaugural address. He applauded the successful Parliamentarians. As the performing Parliamentarians were also evaluated by their utilisation of the funds under MPLADS (Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme), Shri Sathasivam shared the



story of how the relevance of the scheme of MPLADS was deliberated upon by a panel of judges where he solely supported it and convinced the panel to approve the plan.

At the conclusion of his address, the Chief Guest was presented a memento of books by Shri Meghwal. The session wound up with a Vote of Thanks by Dr S. Padmanabhan, Associate Professor, IIT Madras, and the National Anthem, before the Governor exited from the auditorium.

Interaction Session with Award Winning Parliamentarians



Interaction session with Award winning MPs

The final one-hour session before lunch was an interactive session with the MPs, when the MPs answered questions about their special achievements in their respective constituencies. The session was moderated by Dr Bhawanesh Deora, Secretary, Sansad Ratna Awards Committee, Shri Ramesh Sethuraman, Additional Secretary of the Awards Committee. Shri V.Rajendran, member of PreSense Editorial Team, assisted in translation of Hindi to English to Hindi, where necessary.

Honouring Social Worker

Shri Natarajan Raman of Dream India, an NGO associated with the education of government school children, and adults, was honoured with a citation for his outstanding social service, by the Honourable Minister. The morning session concluded with the presentation of mementos to the team and volunteers who worked for the event, and a photo session.

Panel Discussion on National Vision 2022 – Agriculture



Panelists - L to R : S S Rajasekar, Rajendra Singh, Dr Anbumani Ramadoss MP and S Ranganathan

The post-lunch session was a panel discussion on a topic of national relevance captioned "National Vision 2022 – Agriculture". Susan Koshy, Editor, PreSense introduced the panel of speakers. The panel was chaired by Dr Anbumani Ramadoss, MP. The other panellists included Shri Rajendra Singh, activist and popularly known as the "Waterman of India", Shri S.Ranganathan, General Secretary, Tamil Nadu Cauvery Delta Farmers' Welfare Association, and Shri S.S.Rajasekar, Managing Trustee of National Agro Foundation. The salient points discussed were the relevance of traditional knowledge in crop cultivation, regulating the market to give the fair share to the farmer, and incorporating modern technology in the traditional process of agriculture to bring optimum yield to the advantage of farmers and the economy.

Panel Discussion on Tamil Nadu Vision 2022



Panelists: L to R – PTR Palanivel Thiagarajan MLA, R Nataraj MLA, Dr Mariazeena Johnson and K T Raghavan

The final session was the second panel discussion on "Tamil Nadu Vision 2022". The panel was chaired by Dr Mariazeena Johnson, Pro-Chancellor, Sathyabama University. The other panellists were Shri R.Nataraj MLA, IPS (Retired) of the AIADMK Party, Shri PTR Palanivel Thiagarajan MLA (DMK) and Shri K.T.Raghavan, State Secretary of BJP. The panel was introduced by Shri R.Nurullah, Vice-President of the Sansad Ratna Awards Committee. The panellists deliberated on the inefficiency of the current bureaucratic system, and the lack of vision in the political system of the state. The extent of corruption was instrumental in most of the potential industries moving away from Tamil Nadu to other states. It was strongly endorsed by the panel that until and unless a genuine sense of patriotism is imbibed, there would always be a gap between vision and implementation of a progressive Tamil Nadu.

The day's event came to a conclusion with the National Anthem. The partners for the event were Sathyabama University and Canara Bank..

The video clippings of the entire proceeding are available at www.youtube.com/prpoint and also in www.sansadratna.in.

By Susan Koshy, Editor



Shining Stars of Indian Parliament

Sansad Ratna Awardees 2017 (8th edition)

Lok Sabha

Shri Bhartruhari Mahtab – He is a fifth time MP of the Biju Janata Dal (BJD) from Cuttack, Odisha. He is honoured with Jury Committee's Special 'Sansad Ratna Award 2017' for exhibiting excellence in the quality of debates and Parliament proceedings. He has participated in 176 initiated Debates, introduced 18 Private Members Bills and raised 403 Questions, and has a total tally of 597 from the first session of 16th Lok Sabha till the end of Budget Session 2017. He has attended 93% of the sittings of the House. During 2016-17, he recommended 442 projects to the extent of Rs.5.04 crores, under MPLADS.



Shri Bhartruhari Mahtab
BJD - Cuttack, Odisha

Shri N K Premachandran – He is a third time Revolutionary Socialist Party (RSP) MP from Kollam, Kerala. He is honoured with Jury Committee's Special 'Sansad Ratna Award 2017' for exhibiting excellence in the quality of debates and Parliament proceedings. He has participated in 172 initiated debates and raised 346 Questions, and has a total tally of 518 from the first session of 16th Lok Sabha till the end of Budget Session 2017. He attended 85% of the sittings of the House. During 2016-17, he recommended 141 projects amounting to Rs. 9.72 crores under MPLADS.



Shri N K Premachandran
RSP - Kollam, Kerala

Shri Shrirang Appa Barne – He is a first time MP of the Shiv Sena (SS) from Maval, Maharashtra. He is honoured with the Sansad Ratna Award 2017 for securing the No. 1 position in the overall tally of initiated Debates, Private Members Bills and Questions among all the MPs in the Lok Sabha. He participated in 90 initiated Debates, introduced 12 Private Members Bills and raised 762 Questions, and has a total tally of 864, from the first session of 16th Lok Sabha till the end of Budget Session 2017. He attended 92% of the sittings of the House. He is also the topper among the first time MPs. During 2016-17, he recommended various projects amounting to Rs. 5.03 crores under MPLADS. He received Sansad Ratna Award in 2015 and 2016 also.



Shri Shrirang Appa Barne
Shiv Sena - Maval, Maharashtra

Shri Rajeev Shankarrao Satav – He is a first time MP of the Indian National Congress (INC) from Hingoli, Maharashtra. He is honoured with 'Sansad Navodit Ratna 2017' for his outstanding performance in the overall tally of initiated Debates, Private Members Bills and Questions among the First time MPs in the Lok Sabha. He participated in 83 initiated Debates, introduced 11 Private Members Bills and raised 734 Questions, and has a total tally of 820 from the first session of 16th Lok Sabha till the end of Budget Session 2017. He attended 81% of the sittings of the House. He has recommended Rs. 5.00 crores in 2016-17 under MPLADS. He has secured the No 2 position among all the MPs in the Lok Sabha for the total tally. He received the Award for the second year in succession.



Shri Rajeev Shankarrao Satav
INC - Hingoli, Maharashtra





Shri Dhananjay Bhimrao Mahadik
NCP - Kolhapur, Maharashtra

Shri Dhananjay Bhimrao Mahadik – He is a first time MP of the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) from Kolhapur, Maharashtra. He is honoured with the Sansad Ratna Award for his outstanding performance under the Questions category. He participated in 31 initiated Debates and raised 785 Questions and has a total tally of 816 from the first session of 16th Lok Sabha till the end of Budget Session 2017. He has attended 68% of the sittings of the House. He has secured the 3rd position among all the MPs in the Lok Sabha for the total tally. He recommended projects amounting to Rs.4.60 crores during 2016-17 under MPLADS.



Dr Heena Vijaykumar Gavitt
BJP - Nandurbar, Maharashtra

Dr Heena Vijaykumar Gavitt – She is a first time MP of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) from the Nandurbar, Maharashtra. She is one of the youngest MPs in the current Lok Sabha. She is honoured with the 'Sansad Mahila' Ratna Award for her outstanding performance among all the women MPs. She participated in 25 initiated Debates, and raised 706 Questions, and has a total tally of 731 from the first session of 16th Lok Sabha till the end of Budget Session 2017. She attended 81% of the sittings of the House. She recommended Rs. 5.0 crores in 2016-17 under MPLADS. She has secured the 10th position among all MPs in the 16th Lok Sabha for total tally. She received the Award for the second year in succession.

Rajya Sabha

The Sansad Ratna Award is given to outstanding Rajya Sabha MPs, who retired in the previous year after serving the full six-year term. 69 Members retired in 2016. Out of this, 58 MPs retired after serving the full term of six years.



Shri Sanjay Raut
Shiv Sena, Maharashtra

Shri Sanjay Raut – He is a sitting third-term Rajya Sabha MP representing Shiv Sena (SS) from Maharashtra. After serving Rajya Sabha for a full term of six years, he retired in July 2016 and is re-elected. During his tenure 2010-16, he participated in 84 Debates and raised 949 Questions, and has a total tally of 1033. He attended 74% of the sittings of Rajya Sabha during this period. During 2016-17, he recommended Rs. 5.0 crores under MPLADS. He secured the No. 1 position for the total tally of Debates, Private Members Bills and Questions among the Rajya Sabha Members retired in 2016, after serving the full term of six years.



Shri K N Balagopal
CPIM, Kerala

Shri K N Balagopal – He retired from Rajya Sabha in April 2016, after serving the full term of six years, and represented the Communist Party of India (Marxist) – CPIM from Kerala. During his tenure 2010-16, he participated in 196 Debates, introduced 1 Private Members Bill and raised 782 Questions, and has a total tally of 959. He attended 83% of the sittings of Rajya Sabha during this period. He secured the second position for total tally of Debates, Private Members Bills and Questions among the Rajya Sabha Members who retired in 2016, after serving the full term of six years. He utilised Rs. 4.20 crores of MPLADS in 2015-16 for various projects.



Dr T N Seema – She retired in April 2016, after serving the full term of six years in Rajya Sabha, representing the Communist Party of India (Marxist) – CPIM from Kerala. During her tenure 2010-16, she participated in 87 Debates and raised 643 Questions, and has a total tally of 730. She attended 80% of the sittings during that period. She is honoured with the Sansad Ratna Award 2017 for her outstanding performance in Rajya Sabha among the women MPs who retired in 2016 after serving the full six-year term. She spent Rs.7.44 crores in 2015-16 for various projects under MPLADS, also utilising the unspent portion of the previous Rajya Sabha MPs.



About Sansad Ratna Awards

The Sansad Ratna Awards was instituted by Prime Point Foundation and the eMagazine PreSense to honour top performing Parliamentarians on various parameters, every year after the Budget Session. This Award was instituted on the suggestion of Dr Abdul Kalam, former President, to honour achievers. During the first Awards function in 2010, he addressed the audience from Delhi through tele-conference. Incidentally, Dr Abdul Kalam devoted an entire chapter on the Sansad Ratna Awards in his last book, 'A Manifesto for Change'.

A Jury Committee, headed by Shri Anandrao Adsul (fifth-time MP), along with Shri Hansraj G Ahir (Minister of State - Home and fourth-time MP) and Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal (Minister of State - Finance & CA and second-time MP) selected the Award winners. The Jury committee members, who are outstanding Parliamentarians themselves in terms of their performance in the Parliament, were honoured with the 'Sansad Maha Ratna' Awards for their sustained performance in the 15th Lok Sabha.

Data source: PRS India

Video Links for the Event

Presentation by Dr M R Madhavan

<https://youtu.be/IJji3sL8wsU>

Presentation by Shri Mukund Padmanabhan, Editor, The Hindu

<https://youtu.be/k9ItJPDZgAs>

Welcome speech by Shri K. Srinivasan

<https://youtu.be/8bMDApYoUrU>

Key Note Address by Prof. Krishnan Balasubramanian, Dean, IC&SR, IIT Madras

<https://youtu.be/ugfuS4YdyPc>

Presidential address by Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, Hon'ble Union Minister of State (Finance & CA)

<https://youtu.be/jc6s5vUjLK4>

Presentation of Sansad Ratna Awards by Hon'ble Justice (Retd.) Shri P Sathasivam, The Governor of Kerala

<https://youtu.be/XUXNSdCUaTk>



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PreSense also honoured Dr M R Madhavan (Co-Founder & President, PRS Legislative Research) and Shri Natarajan Raman (Founder, Dream India) for their outstanding contribution to society.

Dr M R Madhavan was recognised for making the legislative process better informed, transparent and participatory, with research support for Bills and issues debated in Parliament and State Legislatures, and performance data on the work of MPs, MLAs and legislatures, thereby enabling citizens to engage themselves in the legislative process.



Hon'ble Governor Shri P Sathasivam presenting the Award to Dr M R Madhavan

Shri Natarajan Raman was recognised for his sustained service to the underprivileged children since 2004 in his quiet and humble manner, through educational scholarships, weekly classes, career guidance sessions, educational festivals at rural and government schools and computer labs, and by deployment of teachers for rural children, benefitting more than 50,000 children, and around 250000 adults through social apps developed by him. For his sustained service to the underprivileged children since 2004 in his quiet and humble manner, through educational scholarships, weekly classes, career guidance sessions, educational festivals at rural and government schools and computer labs, and by deployment of teachers for rural children, benefitting more than 50,000 children, and around 250000 adults through social apps developed by him.



Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal (Union Minister of State Finance & CA) presenting the Award to Shri Natarajan Raman.

Video Links for the Event

Address by Hon'ble Justice (Retd.) Shri P Sathasivam, The Governor of Kerala after presenting the Awards

https://youtu.be/CWhabd_vdnA

Vote of Thanks by Dr. Sudarshan Padmanabhan, Associate Professor, IIT Madras

<https://youtu.be/ofgRtFK2puo>

Interactive Session with Award Winning Parliamentarians

<https://youtu.be/TnWkC5XeucQ>



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It is rare to find an idea that is floated, to transcend the dream stage and become a reality within no time. I remember what the South Korean Electronics giant, LG Electronics' world-wide Chairman, Kim once told me in an interview: "Everyone has ideas from ordinary to brilliant. Not everyone is able to translate them into action. Those who succeed in translating their ideas into reality are the heroes at the end of the day."

This kept ringing in my ears when I looked at the success of the NGO, Prime Point Foundation, its editorial arm, PreSense, and the team that propelled the Sansad Ratna Awards into an unparalleled position in polity. It was the initiative of an idea floated by the then President, Dr APJ Abdul Kalam, "why not honour the peoples' representatives for the good work they do for their voters, constituencies and public at large?"

Dr Kalam had a point. The public in general seemed to have a wrong notion about parliamentarians as people who never bothered about their constituencies or voters, once they were elected into the Parliament. Many doubted their integrity too. Indian films – be they Hindi, Tamil or Telugu – only reinforce these ideas about the politicians on the celluloid screen, for private profit through box office. However, it is probably true for only a miniscule section of politicians. A large majority of politicians work hard for their constituencies.

So, it was no mean task when a small group of people from the Prime Point Foundation, present there with Dr Kalam, began working on that seed of an idea from Dr Kalam, racking their brains on how to implement such a gigantic scheme against all odds.

Things started falling in place slowly. The PRS India helped with the data on the parliamentarians' performance in terms of raising questions, participation in discussions and debates. Then came the process of selection based on the PRS data. The PRS data served as a valuable reference point to select the candidates on merit. Over the initial years, the first among the award winners were experienced politicians and parliamentarians, viz. Sarvashri Anandrao Adsul of the Shiv Sena party, Arjun Ram Meghwal and Hansraj Ahir of the Bharatiya Janatha Party. Shri Adsul is the leader of his political party in the parliament, and both Shri Meghwal and Shri Ahir have since become Ministers of State for Finance and Home respectively.

The three senior Parliamentarians then became the jury for selection of future award winners among the Parliamentarians. It is a matter of great pride to note that the process of selection of the candidates by the jury, based on the PRS data, is completely transparent with credibility attributed to it. Thus, Prime Point Foundation became the pioneer in the



implementation of this unique awards scheme that recognised performing Parliamentarians.

It was soon felt that the Sansad Ratna Awards needed a co-partner of national stature, and a venue of pre-eminence to make the Sansad Ratna Awards more noticeable at the national level, and to enthuse the younger lot of parliamentarians to set higher benchmarks in performance in both the Houses of Parliament.

IIT Madras, which now ranks as the best engineering institution in the country and the second best as an institution of excellence after the Indian Institute of Science Bengaluru, was more than willing to partner Prime Point Foundation in this initiative. There was no looking back thereafter, and the Foundation has mastered the art of organisation, protocol and other issues connected with a big event.

From a mere presentation of awards' ceremony, the event also became a platform for meaningful discussions where eminent politicians, journalists and celebrities from various spheres gathered to discuss issues of governance, democracy and the politics. There were at least two sessions of panel discussions, one focusing on national issues and the other at a regional level governing the state.

The Sansad Ratna Awards has successfully grown from an idea into an institution of credibility, integrity and strength, where the civil society recognises the people's representatives who do good work for the people at large in a democratic state. In 2010, it was an idea. By 2017, more than 50 Members of Parliament over the span of the past seven years, have been honoured for their good work. It is now a matter of time that the Sansad Ratna Awards will break national barriers, and gain international recognition for its founders, the Prime Point Foundation.

By TN Ashok, Editorial Advisor

Video Links for the Event

Panel Discussion I – National Vision
2022 – Agriculture

<https://youtu.be/bt1ZnQm3YTE>

Panel Discussion II – Tamil Nadu Vision
2022

<https://youtu.be/QTnXE7TcdD0>

Press Conference on Sansad Ratna
Awards 2017 on the previous day.

<https://youtu.be/kmHYxD4UnNM>

Sansad Ratna Award 2017 – Event –
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<https://goo.gl/photos/QctG6GjiNLbhqM6>





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