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**Awardees 2018**

### LOK SABHA



Shri Bhartruhari Mahtab  
BJD - Cuttack, Odisha



Smt. Supriya Sule  
NCP, Karamati, Maharashtra



Shri Shrirang Appa Barne  
Shiv Sena - Navai, Maharashtra



Shri Rajeev Shankarrao Satar  
INC - Hingoli, Maharashtra



Shri Dhananjay Bhimrao Mahadik  
NCP - Kolhapur, Maharashtra



Dr Heena Vijaykumar Gavit  
BJP - Khandurkar, Maharashtra

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Sri Shantaram Laxman Naik  
INC - Goa



Dr M. Veerappa Molly  
Chairman, Finance Committee

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## From the Desk of Editor-in-Chief

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Greetings from all of us @ The Editorial Team to our readers.

This month's edition of your e-magazine is a special dedication to the prestigious event that took place earlier in the month – The Sansad Ratna Awards 2018 presentation. Therefore, this month, we cover almost everything about the Awards – the journey of the Sansad Ratna Awards over the past 9 years since its institution, the grand event that took place on June 9<sup>th</sup>, the recipients of the Awards, viz the top performing Indian Parliamentarians and their personal impressions on being recognised, as well as messages from the dignitaries that graced the function. We have a collection of photographs to accompany these features, capturing the special moments from the event. Our mascot, as usual, shares his quip, in this case on the special theme of the month.

You will recollect that the editorial in our previous edition of PreSense covered a critical issue about educational loans. The Sansad Ratna Awards function was an opportunity to present a memorandum to the Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance when he was present to receive the Sansad Ratna Award on behalf of the Committee.

A national seminar was also held that day, so that the event on June 9<sup>th</sup> was a day-long series of valuable information, experiences, interactions and discussions. I am sure those of you who attended the event, agree, as is evident from the feedback received from many of you.

For the Editorial Team as well as the Sansad Ratna Awards Committee, it was a moment of pride to see the involvement of the Sansad Ratna Awards, one of the several initiatives of PreSense, and the positive role it continues to take to celebrate success.

I hope you will enjoy this edition. Please share your feedback with us at [editor@corpezine.com](mailto:editor@corpezine.com). Your feedback is important to us.

*Susan*

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**<http://www.prpoint.com/ezine/presense130>**



## Editorial

### The Challenging Journey of Sansad Ratna Awards



#### Sansad Ratna Awardees 2010 - 2018



2010



2011



2012



2013



2014



2015



2016



2017



2018



Meeting with Hon'ble  
Speaker on 5th May 2016  
[www.sansadratna.in](http://www.sansadratna.in)

The 9<sup>th</sup> edition of the Sansad Ratna Awards event was held on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at IIT Madras. This Award is one of the initiatives of your ezine PreSense, instituted in 2010 as an annual feature, to honour outstanding Parliamentarians. This positive idea of recognising



performing parliamentarians was mooted by late Dr APJ Abdul Kalam, former President of India.

The first edition of the Awards' presentation ceremony was held as a modest event at Thakkar Bapa Vidyalaya with a limited audience in May 2010. When we celebrated the 9<sup>th</sup> edition recently, the Award had achieved a unique status in many respects, the outstanding and prestigious one being the support of India's premier educational institution, IIT Madras and its association for the seventh year successively and successfully.

The Sansad Ratna Award has become a dream Award aspired by many Parliamentarians. It is reliably understood that many parliamentarians are constantly endeavouring to outshine their performance to consistently win the Award or outperform their fellow parliamentarians. The Award has acquired the hallmark of credibility and prestige. As proof of this landmark achievement, for the first time this year, we received congratulatory and well-wishing messages in its recognition, from the Honourable Prime Minister, and from three State Governors and three Chief Ministers.

Needless to say, we have been relentlessly striving to maintain stringent standards in the qualifying parameters for the Award-winning candidates, who are then selected by the Sansad Ratna Jury Committee of eminent Parliamentarians Shri Anandrao Adsul, Shri Hansraj Ahir and Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, based on the qualifying criteria. The neutrality of the selection process by the Jury Committee has been appreciated by all political parties.

As we continue in our efforts to take the Sansad Ratna Award to greater heights, this year, an Award for the outstanding Parliamentary Standing Committee was introduced. The Parliamentary Standing Committee for Finance was adjudged the outstanding committee by the Jury for the Award 2018.

No doubt, there were challenges too on the way. The main challenge was the lack of publicity and visibility given by the media about the Award and the achievement of the performing Members of Parliament (MPs). Many print media and news channels did not seem to find the Sansad Ratna Award newsworthy for coverage or even as a passing report all these years, when the nation's outstanding Parliamentarians assembled to receive the Award. Positive news apparently did not seem to catch the eye of the media.

Undeterred, the efforts continued unabated, with the outcome that the Sansad Ratna Award stands today with peaked credibility. The fallout of this achievement is that today, the news media are reporting about the Award and its presentation function at the national, regional and constituency level. Voters in the awardee MPs' respective constituencies are recognising and appreciating the good record of their representative MPs.

Further, over the past three years, tutorials coaching candidates for the All-India UPSC Examination, have been including questions about the Award as probable questions for the examination.

Several NGOs (Non-Government Organisations) from other countries too have been contacting us with the intention to establish similar Awards in their respective countries for their performing legislators.

The Sansad Ratna Award is creating a movement across the globe in a sphere that showcases the outstanding performance of the country's law makers and keepers.

***By K. Srinivasan, Publisher & Mg. Editor, PreSense***

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## Cover Story

### Sansad Ratna Awards 2018 (9<sup>th</sup> edition)



**Sansad Ratna Awardees 2018 – L to R: Dhananjay Bhimrao Mahadik, Dr Veerappa Moily, M K Narayanan (Former Governor of West Bengal), Arjun Ram Meghwal (Hon'ble MOS Parliamentary Affairs), Bhartruhari Mahtab, T S Krishnamurthy (Former Chief Election Commissioner of India), Dr Heena Gavit, Shrirang Appa Barne, Supriya Sule and Rajeev Shankarrao Satav**

The 9th edition of the Sansad Ratna Awards 2018 was held at IIT Madras on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2018. Shri M K Narayanan (Former Governor of West Bengal and Former National Security Advisor to Prime Minister) and Shri T S Krishnamurthy (Former Chief Election Commissioner of India) presented the Awards in the presence of Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal (Hon'ble MOS Parliamentary Affairs and Jury Committee Member) and Dr Bhaskar Ramamurthy (Director, IIT Madras). This Award is one of the initiatives of your ezine PreSense, incepted in 2010.

This year, a 'Departmentally Related Standing Committee' of Parliament too was honoured, based on criteria like the number of reports presented, the number of sittings held and the number of subjects selected, and others. Dr M Veerappa Moily, Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance received the Award personally on behalf of the Finance Committee.

The selection of individual awardees was based on such performance parameters as initiated debates, private members' bills, questions raised and attendance in the House. The data was provided by Lok Sabha Secretariat and PRS India.

Shri Bhartruhari Mahtab (Party: Biju Janata Dal; Constituency: Cuttack, Odisha), Smt. Supriya Sule (Nationalist Congress Party; Baramati, Maharashtra), Shri Shrirang Appa Barne (Shiv Sena; Mavel, Maharashtra), Rajeev Shankarrao Satav (Indian National Congress; Hingoli, Maharashtra), Dhananjay Bhimrao Mahadik (Nationalist Congress Party; Kolhapur, Maharashtra) and Dr Heena Vijayakumar Gavit (Bharatiya Janata Party; Nandurbar, Maharashtra) received the Sansad Ratna Awards.

Please watch the presentation of awards in this short video:  
<https://youtu.be/kBrLYVxaHQI>



## Message from Hon'ble Prime Minister of India



सत्यमेव जयते

प्रधान मंत्री  
Prime Minister

### MESSAGE

It is a pleasure to know that the 9<sup>th</sup> Sansad Ratna Award Ceremony is being organized by Prime Point Foundation on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at IIT Madras to honour the best performing parliamentarians. Congratulations to all the eminent parliamentarians who are being recognized on this occasion for their contribution to Parliamentary proceedings.

I also congratulate the foundation for their proactive initiatives in honouring the exemplary performances of our legislators and for promoting a dynamic culture of debate and discussion.

Best wishes for the function and for all the new initiatives of the foundation.

(Narendra Modi)

New Delhi  
08 June, 2018





*"Over the years, the Award has attained wider acceptance, as the best Parliamentarians are adjudged on the basis of quantifiable parameters. This certainly has made it sure the Award reaches the MPs who are truly deserving"*

**- Shri Pinarayi Vijayan  
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Kerala**



*"Our Parliament is the corner stone of our democracy. The Parliamentarians discuss various issues and formulate various laws for the governance of our country. I am confident Sansad Ratna Awards while recognising the contribution of eminent Parliamentarians, would also encourage young Parliamentarians"*

**- Shri Yogi Adityanath  
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh**



*"The Award will not only encourage the Awardees, but in turn will motivate the rest of the Parliamentarians from all over the nation rising to perform and achieve."*

**- Shri Vijay Rupani  
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat**

We received congratulatory and greeting messages from the Hon'ble Governors of the states of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Mizoram. Besides congratulating the Award winners, they have also appreciated your ezine PreSense and Prime Point Foundation for the Sansad Ratna initiative.



## Feedback from the Award Winning Parliamentarians

Name	Category	Feedback
<b>PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE</b>		
 <p><b>Dr M. Veerappa Moily</b> Chairman, Finance Commission</p>	<p>Outstanding Performance amongst the Departmentally Related Parliamentary Standing Committees</p>	<p><i>"It is our pleasure to participate and receive the Sansad Ratna Award from the most prestigious institution like the Prime Point Foundation and IIT Madras. It is good that someone is recognising us. As far as the Standing Committee on Finance is concerned, we want the Government to acknowledge our work so that it will be in the best interest of the country. I suggest one Award to that Ministry which has adopted the most of the recommendations of any Committee."</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Dr M Veerappa Moily Chairman, Standing Committee on Finance</p>

## LOKSABHA – INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

 <p><b>Shri Bhartruhari Mahtab</b> BJP - Cuttack, Odisha</p>	<p>Topper in Debates</p>	<p><i>"It is gratifying to attend this function again. I had not expected that I would be awarded Sansad Ratna for the debates I had contributed during the last one year."</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Shri Bhartruhari Mahtab, BJD, Cuttack, Odisha</p>
 <p><b>Smt. Supriya Sule</b> NCP, Baramati, Maharashtra</p>	<p>Topper in Overall Tally + Questions + Women MPs</p>	<p><i>"This Award entirely goes to every voter of Baramati who had their faith in me during this very difficult time when the entire state and country was voting in a different pattern."</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Smt. Supriya Sule NCP, Baramati, Maharashtra</p>
 <p><b>Shri Shrirang Appa Barne</b> Shiv Sena - Maval, Maharashtra</p>	<p>Topper amongst First time MPs for Overall Tally</p>	<p><i>"I am happy that coming from an ordinary family background, I have been able to reach the Lok Sabha and doing good work, I am able to work for my country, my state and my constituency and win the Award for the fourth time."</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Shri Shrirang Appa Barne Shiv Sena – Maval, Maharashtra</p>





Shri Rajeev Shankarrao Satav  
INC - Hingoli, Maharashtra

Outstanding  
Performance  
amongst First  
Time MPs for  
Overall Tally

*"Three years ago, Srinivasan called me and told me that I had to come to IITM. I had been to IIT many times although there was no question of my getting an admission into IIT. It is a joyful occasion for me that I am here for the third time."*

Shri Rajeev Shankarrao Satav  
INC – Hingoli, Maharashtra



Shri Dhananjay Bhimrao Mahadik  
NCP - Kolhapur, Maharashtra

Outstanding  
Performance  
under  
Questions and  
Overall Tally

*"Parliamentarians work hard in preparation before the Parliament, in order to complete their duties as Parliamentarians and people's representatives. It is important to bring this aspect to the attention of the public. I am spending more time in studying, than I was doing in my college days. The Sansad Ratna Award contributed to this achievement as I was appreciated by a voter from a small village in my constituency because I was a recipient of the Sansad Ratna Award."*

Shri Dhananjay Bhimrao Mahadik  
NCP – Kolhapur, Maharashtra



Dr Heena Vijaykumar Gavit  
BJP - Nandurbar, Maharashtra

Outstanding  
Performance  
amongst  
Women MPs for  
Overall Tally

*"The first time when I got the Award, it increased a sense of responsibility to work harder to maintain the position. Therefore I am grateful for getting the Award for the third time."*

Dr Heena Vijaykumar Gavit  
BJP – Nandurbar, Maharashtra

### **'New India Internship Programme' from IIT Madras**

'New India Internship' was announced in the Sansad Ratna 2018 awards function. IIT Madras will start a pilot programme initially with Sansad Ratna award winning MPs who have committed to giving their full support to the students. A group of 4 students would be sent to the identified constituencies. They would study various issues relating to water, environment, health, e-governance, pollution, energy, and digital technology. The internship would be monitored by the Internship Office under the Dean Students, IIT Madras and it would comprise of various committees to mentor and evaluate the findings of the student interns. Depending upon the success of the pilot project, it is believed that the PMO and the MHRD would expand the internship to other centrally funded institutions.

During the Sansad Ratna 2018 event, the Awardees showed keen interest and pledged their commitment to working with the IIT students to improve their constituencies with the help of technological inputs provided by the student interns. This unique scheme is a way to create a feedback mechanism to connect rural India with the technological advancements that is relevant to rural India.





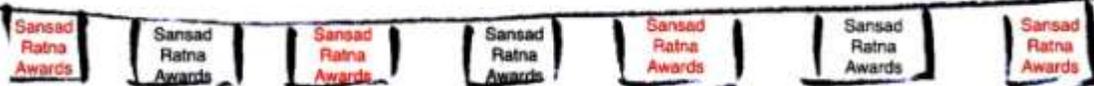
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Feeling Obligated to receive **Sansad Ratna Award**,  
as now people of my Constituency will understand  
that they have selected the Right Candidate..



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## Excerpts from Speeches

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**Shri K. Srinivasan, Chairman, Prime Point Foundation & Chairman of Sansad Ratna Awards Committee (Welcome Speech)**

*"This Award is given by the Civil Society. The Constitution starts with 'We the People of India'. It is 'We the People' who recognise you."*



**Dr Bhaskar Ramamurthy, Director, IIT Madras**

*"I realise there is another connect (between the Sansad Ratna Awards and IITM). Just as we conduct an exam which is known for its transparency and integrity, these Awards are given in a similar manner, throwing up best performers and role models, even to the surprise of the winners themselves."*



**Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, Hon'ble Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs and Water Resources, & Member of the Jury Committee of the Sansad Ratna Awards**

*"Last night when I reached Chennai, a person from Rajasthan said I am the 'Cycle Man'. Another person standing with him, said, 'He is also a Sansad Ratna Awardee'. That is the recognition (of this Award)."*



**Shri T.S. Krishnamurthy, Former Chief Election Commissioner of India**

*"We sincerely hope that these Awards will motivate more and more young people to come to Parliament, more dedicated people to come to Parliament and translate the aspirations of the people."*



**Shri M.K. Narayanan, Former Governor of West Bengal, & Former National Security Advisor to Prime Minister of India**

*"Far more than previously, the civil society is beginning to play a crucial role in many areas. This currently extends to impacting democratic practice and conduct. Civil society institutions such as Prime Point Foundation, are hardly a part of the Government, the Legislature or the Judiciary. But they act, nevertheless, as watchdogs of public property."*



**Dr Sudarsan Padmanabhan, Associate Professor, IIT Madras (Vote of Thanks)**

*"From the beginning (first edition) at Thakkar Bapa Vidyalaya where Mahatma Gandhi stayed, to IIT where Pandit Nehru began India's scientific progress, it is a great journey (for Sansad Ratna Awards)."*

The recorded videos of the speeches are available in the following link:  
<https://www.youtube.com/user/prpoint/videos> or [www.sansadratna.in](http://www.sansadratna.in)

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## Interactive Session With Award Winning Parliamentarians



(L to R) Shri Dhananjay Bhimrao Mahadik, Shri Rajeev Shankarrao Satav, Shri Bhartruhari Mahtab, Dr Veerappa Moily, Smt. Supriya Sule, Shri Shrirang Appa Barne, Dr Heena Gavit

After the presentation of the Awards, all the Award winning Parliamentarians had an interactive session with the audience, sharing their views (*picture above*). In the post-lunch session, Dr Veerappa Moily (Chairman of Parliamentary Committee on Finance) and Shri Bhartruhari Mahtab, MP shared the important aspects of Parliament functions and Parliamentary Committees. Prime Point Srinivasan, Mg. Editor of PreSense moderated the Session (*picture below*).



Shri Bhartruhari Mahtab, Dr Veerappa Moily, Prime Point Srinivasan

Complete proceedings of both the interactive sessions with the Award winning Parliamentarians are available in the following link:

<https://bit.ly/2IClb5p>



## Other Important Sessions

Coinciding with the Sansad Ratna Awards 2018 (9<sup>th</sup> edition), a National Seminar on Politics, Democracy and Governance (7<sup>th</sup> edition) was also held.



Dr Santhosh Babu IAS, a Senior IAS officer of Tamil Nadu and an expert on e-Governance, spoke on "Digital Media, Ethical Rules and Legal Standards". His presentation is available in the following link:

<https://youtu.be/Vho9SHrz70s>



Shri Srinivasa Prabhu, an expert on Parliamentary procedures and rules, made a presentation on "Parliamentary Committees and Their Roles". His presentation is available in the following link:

<https://youtu.be/HH6YrR7vtm0>

### Panel Discussion in Tamil



A Panel discussion in Tamil on the topic, "Tamil Nadu: Futuristic Vision" was held in the evening. Shri T K S Elangovan, MP (DMK), Dr Anbumani, MP (PMK), Shri C P Radhakrishnan, Ex-MP (BJP), Dr Vijayadharani, MLA (Congress) and Dr Krishnaswamy, Ex-MLA (PT) participated. Mr D Jagadish of Cauvery TV moderated the discussion.

These discussions are available in the following link:

<https://youtu.be/Ww2iWBT77fw>

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## PreSense Submits a Petition to Improve Education Loan Scheme, to Hon'ble Chairman of Finance Committee



Prime Point Srinivasan, Publisher & Mg. Editor of PreSense and Convenor of Education Loan Task Force presents a petition to Dr Veerappa Moily. Shri Rajeev Shankarrao Satav, Shri Bhartruhari Mahtab and Smt. Supriya Sule, Award winning Parliamentarians look on.

Education Loan Task Force (ELTF) is one of the initiatives of your ezine PreSense. On behalf of ELTF, Prime Point Srinivasan, Mg. Editor of PreSense and Convenor of ELTF presented a memorandum to Dr Veerappa Moily, Chairman, Finance Committee listing out the problems faced by students while availing and servicing education loans. Dr Veerappa Moily spontaneously assured that he would take up this matter with the Finance Committee immediately and also take it up with the Governor of Reserve Bank of India.

## Hats off! Sansad Ratna Team

Over 50 volunteers are associated with the success of the Sansad Ratna event every year. PreSense acknowledges their dedicated team spirit and thanks them for all their support.



Sansad Ratna Team with Award winning Parliamentarians and Hon'ble MOS



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