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From the Desk of Managing Editor

Dear Readers



On behalf of the Editorial Board, I am pleased to release the 204th (Feb 2024) edition of PreSense with its rich content.

The 14th Edition of the Sansad Ratna Awards function was held on February 17, 2024, at New Maharashtra Sadan, New Delhi to honour the outstanding Parliamentarians of the 17th Lok Sabha.

The Awardees had the unique privilege of having a photo session with the Hon'ble President and the Hon'ble Vice President of India after the Award event.

This edition is a special edition highlighting the event and the proceedings.

Highlights of this issue:

Prince Cartoon

Editorial: 15 Years Journey of the Sansad Ratna Awards – From Thakkar Bapa Vidyalaya in 2010 to Rashtrapati Bhavan in 2024.

Cover Story: A detailed report on the 14th edition of Sansad Ratna Awards function with photos.

This Awards initiative was started by Prime Point Foundation and the eMagazine PreSense on the suggestion of Dr. Abdul Kalam to honour the top performing Parliamentarians.

I am confident that readers will enjoy reading this edition too. Kindly send your feedback to editor@corpezine.com so that our Editorial Board can examine your suggestions. Please share this edition with your friends. I will catch up with you next month with more varied content.

Jai Hind

K. Srinivasan

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Journey of Sansad Ratna Awards**

<https://www.prpoint.com/publication/sansadratna2024.pdf>

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By Triambak Sharma



Editorial

Sansad Ratna Awards: A 15-Year Triumph, from Thakkar Bapa Vidyalaya to Rashtrapati Bhavan 2010-2024

By Prime Point Srinivasan, Managing Editor



(The Sansad Ratna Awards, initiated in 2009, have honoured top-performing Indian Parliamentarians, gaining visibility and credibility over 15 years. The 2024 event highlighted the need for academic research on Parliament functions.)



(Photo left: Awardees with T S Krishnamurthy and N Gopalswamy, Former Chief Election Commissioners in the first Award event in May 2010 | Photo right: The Awardees with Hon'ble President at Rashtrapati Bhavan in Feb 2024)

The initiative of honouring top-performing Indian Parliamentarians, which began in March 2009 at the suggestion of Dr APJ Abdul Kalam through the eMagazine PreSense and later a physical event in 2010 at Thakkar Bapa Vidyalaya in Chennai, has now reached the corridors of Rashtrapati Bhavan in Delhi in 2024. This challenging 15-year journey has enriched our team with more knowledge and commitment to Indian democracy.

We have presented 121 Awards to individuals and Committees in the 14 Award functions. On the suggestion of Dr. Abdul Kalam, we featured top-performing Parliamentarians of the 14th Lok Sabha in the March 2009 edition of eMagazine PreSense. In May 2010, the first Award function was held at Thakkar Bapa Vidyalaya, Chennai before a limited audience. After that, IIT Madras became our partner until 2018. In 2019, the Award event was held at Raj Bhavan, Chennai. After a break in 2020 due to Covid, we shifted the event to Delhi in 2021. We gained a lot of visibility in the past four years, after moving the event to Delhi. The Sansad Ratna Award has become a dream award for many Parliamentarians.

The 14th Edition of the Award function was held in New Delhi in February 2024. Every year, we appeal to the Parliamentarians and the Government during the Award event on a point of concern. This year, we highlighted the lack of academic research by Indian Universities on Parliament-related functions. This is probably due to a lack of awareness about the function of the Parliament and the lack of knowledgeable professors. In a growing, largest Parliamentary democracy like India, it is highly important that academic institutions focus on the insights of governance. On behalf of the Prime Point Foundation and the Next Gen Political Leaders (NGPL), another initiative of the Foundation, we have assured support to academic institutions and researchers who want to research the functioning of the Indian Parliament.

The credibility of the Award has also reached its peak. For the past four years, the Sansad Ratna Awards has been one of the suggested questions for the UPSC examinations by trainers. In 2023, Prime Minister Modi tweeted on his personal Twitter handle, greeting the Awardees. In 2024, the Honorable President and Vice President had photo sessions with the Awardees. During the Photo Session, the Hon'ble President keenly listened to the history of the Sansad Ratna Awards. Hon'ble President took individual photographs with all the Sansad Ratna Award winners and also with us.

The 14th edition of the award function was a grand spectacle, overcoming various challenges. As we consistently believe, the divine influence of Lord Sri Krishna has been instrumental in our success. We dedicate our achievements to Lord Sri Krishna, acknowledging His unwavering support over the past 15 years.

As the 2024 General Elections near for the 18th Lok Sabha, the nation should elect Parliamentarians who can strengthen democracy. Jai Hind



Prime Point Srinivasan (Founder and Chairman Emeritus) and Priyadarshini Rahul (Chairman) with Hon'ble President



New Maharashtra Sadan, the venue of 14th Edition of Sansad Ratna Awards event

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14th Edition of Sansad Ratna Awards - A Report



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Shri Sudhir Gupta

Shrikanth Eknath Shinde

Dr. Amol Ramsingh Kolhe

Saturday, 17th February 2024 - New Delhi

The 14th Edition of Sansad Ratna Awards event was held at New Maharashtra Sadan, New Delhi on Saturday, February 17, 2024. Shri Hansraj Ahir (Chairman, National Commission for Backward Classes), Dr Smt. Tamilisai Soundararajan (Governor, Telangana and LG, Puducherry), Ajay Mishra (Minister of State, Home Affairs), and Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul (Former Judge, Supreme Court of India) were the Chief Guests. 12 Individuals and 3 Parliamentary Committees were honoured with the Sansad Ratna Awards.

This Awards event is the last of the 17th Lok Sabha. An eminent Jury Committee chaired by Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal (Minister of State, Law, and Parliamentary Affairs) and T S Krishnamurthy (Former Chief Election Commissioner of India) selected the awardees based on the data provided by PRS Legislative Research, Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha websites. The performance of the Members / Committees covering the entire 17th Lok Sabha was taken into account.

Three categories of Awards, Sansad Ratna, Sansad Maha Ratna, and Sansad Utkrisht Maha Ratna Awards were presented on behalf of civil society. After the Awards ceremony, all the awardees had a photo session with the Hon'ble President of India and the Hon'ble Vice President of India.

Photo Session with Hon'ble President of India



Photo Session with Hon'ble Vice President of India



Photo Session during the Awards function



Sansad Utkrisht Maha Ratna Awards (Presented once in 10 years)

This Award is given to those who have received the Sansad Maha Ratna Award in the previous 16th Lok Sabha and continue to show consistent performance in the current 17th Lok Sabha

from the first sitting. Initiated debates, private members bills and questions are taken into account.



Bhartruhari Mahtab (BJD, Odisha)



Supriya Sule (NCP, Maharashtra)



Shrirang Appa Barne (Shiv Sena, Maharashtra)

Sansad Maha Ratna Awards – Individuals (Presented once in 5 years)

This Award is presented based on the consistency of performance from the first sitting in the 17th Lok Sabha. Initiated Debates, Private Members Bills, and Questions are taken into account.



N K Premachandran (RSP, Kerala)



Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury (INC, West Bengal)



Bidyut Baran Mahato (BJP, Jharkhand)



Dr Heena Vijayakumar Gavit (BJP, Maharashtra)

Sansad Maha Ratna Awards – Committees (Presented once in 5 years)

This Award is presented based on the consistency of performance in the 17th Lok Sabha. The number of sittings and Reports presented to the House are taken into account. For Rajya Sabha Committees, the period coinciding with the 17th Lok Sabha is considered.



**Jayant Sinha,
Chairman, Finance Committee**



**Gaddi Gowdar,
Chairman, Agriculture Committee**



**Vijaysai Reddy (Chairman) and
T G Venkatesh (Past Chairman)
Transport, Tourism and Culture Committee**

Sansad Ratna Awards – Individuals (Presented Annually)

This Award is presented based on the top performance of the Members from the first sitting of the 17th Lok Sabha till the end of Winter Session 2023. Initiated Debates, Private Members Bills, and Questions are taken into account.



Kuldeep Rai Sharma
(INC, Andaman & Nicobar Islands)



Sudhir Gupta
(BJP, Madhya Pradesh)



Dr Amol Ramsing Kolhe
(NCP, Maharashtra)



Dr Shrikant Shinde
(Shiv Sena, Maharashtra)



Dr Sukanta Majumdar (BJP, West Bengal)
(Presented at his residence as he was not well)

Speeches of Chief Guests

Hansraj G Ahir, Chairman, National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC)



Parliament is the temple of democracy. If we were to understand the true meaning of Democracy then the Parliament is the biggest platform of this democracy. When the land acquisition bill was tabled for amendment, there was a healthy discussion in the Parliament. The amended bill benefited the whole of the farmer community. This is the power of the Parliament.

Sansad Ratna Awards have set a healthy competition among the Members of Parliament. This initiative will strengthen democracy and help to create performing MPs.

<https://youtu.be/xo04GSnmhDc?si=ECc6zS2pAPRTMJA3>

Dr Smt. Tamilisai Soundarajan, Governor, Telangana and Lt. Governor, Puducherry

We should motivate people to participate in the voting process. It is a great concern that educated people do not go for voting. Opportunities are to be given to women by all political parties.

More number of youngsters should come forward to join politics and serve the nation.

Please watch her full speech

https://youtu.be/EBamGE6_SAq?si=bJSNK4NELWc6G4K8



Ajay Mishra, Minister of State, Home Affairs



Prime Point Foundation is doing commendable work with the intent of serving the nation. All the award-winning MPs come from different parts of our country. Everyone comes from a different background but with just one focus, working in the best interest of our country.

Generally, it might look as if the role of Parliamentarians is limited to the proceedings in the Parliament. But that is just one part. The other part comes from being a member of the Parliamentary Committee. The committee is a mix of members from different political parties and I am happy that the Foundation recognises the Parliamentary Committees.

<https://youtu.be/VwUec2O3XT8?si=HAFQY8gJy5J5zKLS>

Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India

Legislature and Judiciary should work together to strengthen democracy. This can be done through Inter-Institutional dialogue. In the first past the post-voting system, most of the Governments are elected with less than 50 percent of votes. In view of this, the courts have to play an important role in maintaining checks and balances.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v6SPs3hPYuA>



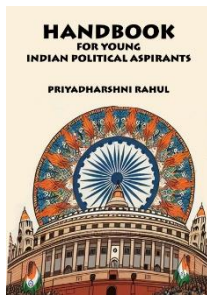
Book Launch

Every year, Prime Point Foundation releases eBooks during the Award event. During this event, the Chief Guests released 3 books as given below. These eBooks can be downloaded from the links free of cost. Within 3 eBooks, Prime Point Foundation has now published 36 eBooks and all are downloadable free of cost.



(L to R: Priyadharshni Rahul, Ajay Kumar Mishra, Dr Tamilisai Soundararajan, Hansraj G Ahir, Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul, and Prime Point Srinivasan)

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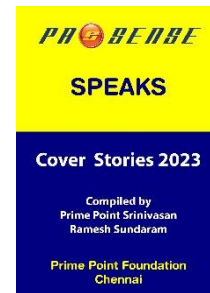
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Photo Session at Rashtrapati Bhavan

All the Sansad Ratna Awardees interacted with Smt. Draupadi Murmu, the Hon'ble President of India at Rashtrapati Bhavan had an individual photograph with the Hon'ble President with their Citations, besides a group photo.



Photo Session with Hon'ble Vice President of India

Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar, the Hon'ble Vice President of India invited all the Sansad Ratna Award winners for a Tea and a photo session. He interacted with all the award winning MPs and also took pictures individually with all the awardees with their citations.

A group photo was also taken. On behalf of Prime Point Foundation and PreSense, we presented bouquet and the books to the Hon'ble Vice President.



Other Speeches



Weclome Address by Priyadharshni Rahul, Chairman,
Sansad Ratna Awards Committee

<https://youtu.be/F6oklfza8xw?si=5eqjYz9MVBzMmA89>



Introductory Remarks by Prime Point Srinivasan,
Founder and Chairman Emeritus

https://youtu.be/IVgpO8iaWfw?si=-MwX5RPNpHd_PBP3



Reading of Messages by Suparna Gangal,
Additional Secretary

https://youtu.be/WbrWLMkqCs?si=LSJ71N_KiXPA2L2A



Vote of Thanks by R Nurullah,
Governing Council Member

<https://youtu.be/T07WMDQjvZw?si=v3JktPEXR9UcRQYV>

Snippets



Section of the audience



Students and teachers from Ahlcon Group of Schools as volunteers



Sansad Ratna Team



Ajay Mishra, Minister of State, Home Affairs presenting a memento on behalf of Prime Point Foundation to Triambak Sharma, Cartoon Editor, PreSense. The Minister discusses about the cartoons.

Photos and Videos

Photo Session with Hon'ble President of India at Rashtrapathy Bhavan

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/1imDTgb2S8pX7cdbA>

Photo Session with Hon'ble Vice President of India at Vice President's House

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/76wrk62mZZGM9bhv9>

Event Photos

All the event photos are available in this link.

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/2QxrHGGaWjUryjyG8>

Please watch the videos in the following URL and playlist SansadRatna2024

<https://studio.youtube.com/playlist/PLnU8HzYLSLcrJVtJmuCcv5TImNDotFy6x/videos>

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