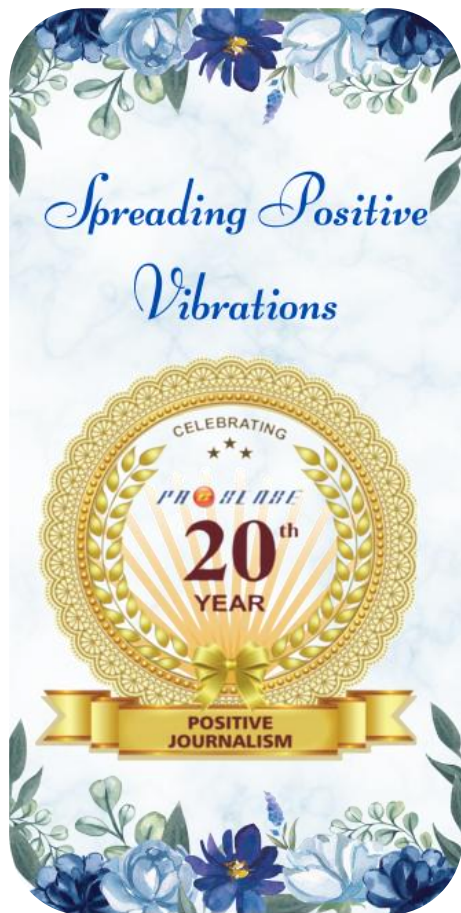


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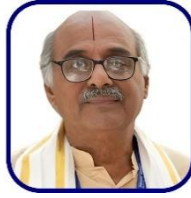
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From the Desk of Managing Editor

Dear Reader,



On behalf of the Editorial Board, I am pleased to present the 226th (Dec 2025) edition of *PreSense*, featuring another rich array of meaningful content.

On behalf of the Editorial Board, I extend warm Greetings to the New Year 2026. May God bless our nation and citizens for all prosperity.

During this month, more than 100 Members of Parliament belonging to the INDIA Bloc have submitted an 'Impeachment notice' To the Speaker of Lok Sabha against Justice G R Swaminathan for a judgement in favour of Hindu devotees. The editorial discusses the vote-bank politics behind this Impeachment Notice and its impact on the Judiciary.

PreSense celebrated its 20th Anniversary, and DiJAI celebrated its 10th Anniversary on 6th December 2025. Cover Story deals with the full report on the event.

Other Highlights:

Prince Cartoon

Freedom Fighter Pherozechah Mehta

Review of the Dec 2010 edition of PreSense

Report on the Panel Discussion on the Impact of AI on Media

As always, we value your feedback at editor@corpezine.com and encourage you to share *PreSense* with your network.

See you next month with more inspiring content.

Jai Hind!

K. Srinivasan

Publisher & Managing Editor

PreSense

PRINCE

By Triambak Sharma



I told her, Yes ! we are drinking.....
.....Coffee !!

Editorial

The 'Grammar of Anarchy': Ambedkar's Warning and the Peril of the Impeachment Notice



By Prime Point Srinivasan, Managing Editor

(The editorial argues that the INDIA bloc's impeachment notice against Justice Swaminathan weaponizes constitutional processes to punish judicial independence, risking democratic "anarchy" for electoral expediency.)



Tiruparangundram Lord Subramnya (Muruga) temple (Photo courtesy: Dinamalar)

The Resurgence of an Ancient Warning

In his seminal speech to the Constituent Assembly on 25 November 1949, Dr B.R. Ambedkar issued a stern warning against the erosion of constitutional propriety: **"Where constitutional methods are open, there can be no justification for unconstitutional methods. These methods are nothing but the 'Grammar of Anarchy' and the sooner they are abandoned, the better for us."** This profound caution appears increasingly relevant in the wake of the escalating standoff between the Tamil Nadu executive and the judiciary. On 9 December 2025, in a move that has sent ripples through the legal fraternity, 107 MPs of the INDIA bloc submitted a formal impeachment notice to the Lok Sabha Speaker against Justice G.R. Swaminathan of the Madras High Court. This retaliatory strike followed a judgment permitting the lighting of the *Karthigai Deepam* on the ancient *Deepathoon* (stone pillar) on Thiruparankundram hill—an order that was ignored by the DMK-led Tamil Nadu government but subsequently upheld by a Division Bench of the High Court.



INDIA Bloc presenting Impeachment Notice to Hon'ble Speaker of Lok Sabha

From Administrative Defiance to Constitutional Crisis

The administrative defiance observed in this case suggests a troubling shift from the 'Grammar of Law' to the 'Grammar of Anarchy'. Despite the Division Bench's affirmation and the Supreme Court's refusal to grant an immediate stay, the State Government chose to bypass implementation, citing potential communal unrest as a convenient shield. In an apparent haste to satisfy a minority vote bank, the ruling dispensation and the signatory MPs have bypassed established legal recourse in favour of a constitutional "nuclear option." By weaponising the impeachment process against a judge for a specific verdict—before the highest court in the land has even had its final say—the political establishment risks setting a perilous precedent, where judicial independence is sacrificed at the altar of electoral expediency.

The fallout on the ground, however, reveals a more disturbing trend. Although Justice Swaminathan's judgment was upheld by a superior Bench of two judges, the discourse from the ruling party's supporters has descended into personal vitriol, exclusively targeting Justice Swaminathan for his Brahmin identity. This narrow, caste-based defamation ignores the legal merits of an order that merely directed the lighting of a lamp on the sacred *Karthigai* day, once a year, on the *Deepathoon*.

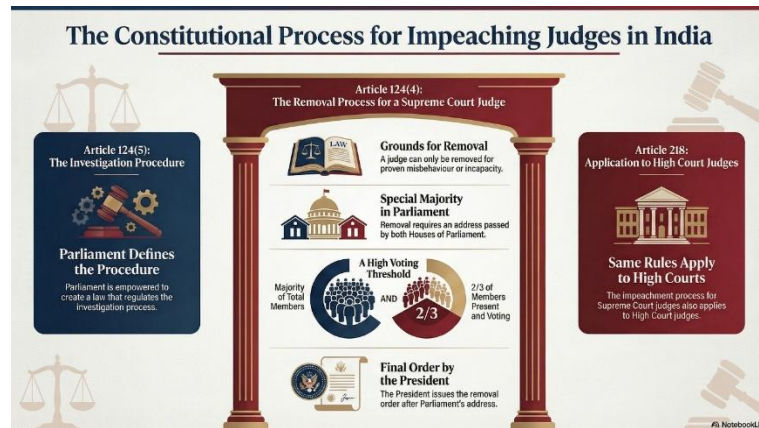
Interestingly, the political attempt to project this as a "protection of minority rights" has backfired. In conversations with *PreSense*, many members of the Muslim community expressed disagreement with the impeachment, viewing it as an unnecessary escalation that risks their own social standing. Even within the DMK's own ranks, workers privately admit that the government has needlessly elevated a local ritual into a national controversy, inadvertently consolidating Hindu sentiment against the party.

This sense of alienation is further compounded by the perceived asymmetry in the State's cultural engagement. While the Chief Minister and senior leaders are conspicuous by their absence in greeting Hindus on major festivals like Deepavali or Vinayaga Chaturthi, they are frequent participants in Iftar or Christmas gatherings—a discrepancy often punctuated by the

ridicule of Hindu traditions. Furthermore, the silence of the opposition on the persecution of Hindus in Bangladesh, contrasted with their outcry over stray incidents at home, has not gone unnoticed. The depth of this internal conflict was most tragically illustrated by a DMK worker Poorna Chandran (31) of Madurai, who committed self-immolation in protest against his own government's refusal to light the lamp. Silently but surely, these actions are causing significant embarrassment to the Muslim community and creating a potent wave of consolidation among Hindu voters.

Constitutional Safeguards vs Political Retribution

Under **Articles 124(4) and 218** of the Constitution of India, the removal of a High Court judge is a rigorous process designed to protect judicial independence. A judge can only be impeached on the grounds of "proven misbehaviour" or "incapacity," typically involving grave allegations of proved corruption or mental infirmity. Historically, this "nuclear option" has been reserved for instances of moral turpitude.



However, the current motion appears to break new ground by targeting a judge primarily for a specific judicial pronouncement; a move that risks transforming a legal disagreement into a tool for political retribution. By initiating this process before exhausting the judicial hierarchy, the signatories have arguably ignored the spirit of the **Judges (Inquiry) Act, 1968**, which was never intended to facilitate the vetting of verdicts through the lens of vote-bank politics.

Ideological Contradictions and Internal Friction

Strangely, the presence of Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi during the submission of the notice has sent a controversial message across the nation, with critics viewing it as an endorsement of an anti-Hindu narrative. Within the Congress party itself, the move has triggered internal friction.

Several senior leaders, speaking on condition of anonymity to *PreSense*, expressed shock and suggested that the central leadership was "misled into a trap" by regional allies. They pointed to the electoral drubbing the party faced in various States following their perceived support for the "Eradicate Sanatana Dharma" rhetoric, fearing that this latest stance could further alienate the majority community.

Equally baffling is the involvement of the Shiv Sena (UBT). A party whose very foundation rests on the promotion of *Hindu Dharma* has now, paradoxically, lent its signature to a motion against a judge whose order merely permitted the lighting of a lamp on a hill dedicated to Lord Muruga. This ideological pivot highlights the extent to which traditional values are being sacrificed at the altar of political survival. It suggests that for the sake of the INDIA bloc's cohesion, even parties claiming to champion Hindu interests are willing to penalise the judiciary for upholding a centuries-old religious tradition at Thiruparankundram.

A Legacy of Dedication: The Measure of the Man



Justice G R Swaminathan

The irony of the impeachment motion becomes even more stark when one examines the professional track record of Justice G.R. Swaminathan. Since his elevation to the Bench in 2017, he has achieved the extraordinary feat of disposing of approximately **1.20 lakh cases**, a testament to his staggering work ethic.

Speaking to *PreSense*, Dr S.K. Kharventhan, former Congress MP and former Chairman of the Bar Council of India, expressed profound admiration for the judge's commitment. Recalling a recent encounter, Dr Kharventhan noted that when he met the Justice in his chambers on a Sunday evening, he found him diligently dictating judgments. When asked why he was working on a public holiday, Justice Swaminathan simply remarked, "**I am paid a salary for Sundays too.**" This level of integrity and neutrality is even echoed by several Congress leaders who, despite their party's official stance, privately laud his unwavering dedication. By targeting such a prolific and

committed member of the judiciary over a single contentious ruling, the political class risks demoralising the very institution meant to safeguard the citizens' rights.

A Threat to Judicial Sovereignty and Global Standing

The repercussions of this motion extend far beyond the borders of Tamil Nadu, threatening to undermine the very bedrock of our democracy. In an unprecedented show of solidarity, **92 retired judges** of the Supreme Court and various High Courts have submitted a formal representation to the Speaker, cautioning that weaponising impeachment against a judge for a specific verdict is a "brazen attempt to browbeat the judiciary."

Speaking to *PreSense*, Justice Dr Vallinayagam, former Judge of the Karnataka High Court, warned that if the Speaker permits such motions based merely on judicial disagreement, it will trigger "chaos and confusion," effectively stripping judges of the fearlessness required to uphold the law. India's global reputation as a vibrant democracy rests largely on its independent judiciary; any perception that the bench is being intimidated by the executive could diminish our international standing. Notably, while several impeachment motions have been initiated since Independence, **none have ever been passed by Parliament**, reflecting the historical understanding that this is a safeguard for justice, not a political tool for expressing dissatisfaction.

Conclusion: Returning to the Rule of Law

Ultimately, this standoff serves as a stark reminder of Dr Ambedkar's warning to eschew the "Grammar of Anarchy" in favour of constitutional methods. For the sake of short-term electoral gains, political parties are venturing into dangerous territory that may alienate even the very minority communities they seek to woo. Secularism in the Indian context must mean the equitable protection of all faiths and traditions—including the lighting of a sacred lamp—rather than the selective suppression of one to appease another.

When the judiciary remains the last resort for the common man, its independence must be guarded with a religious zeal. We must move away from the toxic culture of vote-bank politics and return to a system where judicial orders are contested through appeals in the Supreme Court, not through threats in the Parliament. Only by respecting the Rule of Law over the whims of political expediency can we ensure that the lamp of justice remains lit for every Indian citizen.

Cover Story

PreSense at 20: Celebrating a Legacy of Positive Journalism and Unveiling a Vision for the Future



By Ramesh Sundaram, Joint Managing Editor

(Celebrating 20 years of PreSense, this article honours its Dr. Kalam-inspired legacy of positive, volunteer-driven journalism while embracing AI-powered tools for a new media era.)



L to R: Priyadarshni Rahul, Prime Point Srinivasan, Justice Dr. T. N. Vallinayagam, R Lakshmiathy, R Bhagwan Singh

A Milestone for Media Integrity: The Confluence of Anniversaries

A distinguished gathering of journalists, legal luminaries, and industry leaders convened to mark a rare confluence of milestones: the 20th anniversary of the pioneering eMagazine *PreSense*, the 10th anniversary of the Digital Journalist Association of India (DJAI), and, most significantly, the 25th year of their parent organisation, the Prime Point Foundation. The event served as a moment of profound reflection on a two-decade-long mission to champion "positive journalism" in an era often defined by sensationalism and fleeting digital trends.

On 6th December 2025, the occasion was graced by the presence of esteemed guests, including the Hon. Justice Dr T.N. Vallinayagam (Chairman of the National Cyber Security Research Council, Delhi, and Presiding Judge, Lok Adalat, High Court Madras), R. Lakshmiathi (Joint Director of the legendary media house Dinamalar), and the veteran journalist R. Bhagwan Singh (former Executive Editor of Deccan Chronicle). This report chronicles the event's key moments, from honouring the entirely volunteer-driven legacy that has sustained the e-magazine for 225 editions to the launch of new AI-powered tools designed to shape the future of media in India.

The PreSense Journey: A Mission Inspired by a President

To understand the significance of PreSense's 20-year journey is to understand a unique and counter-cultural movement in Indian digital media. Its origins are not rooted in a commercial venture but in a direct call to action from one of the nation's most revered figures. The eMagazine was founded in March 2006, directly inspired by a suggestion from the late former President of India, Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, who envisioned a new form of journalism focussing on positive, nation-building stories.

Initially launched as *PReSense* with the tagline "Communicate the Communication," the publication later underwent a strategic evolution, simplifying its name to *PreSense* and adopting a new mission: "Spreading Positive Vibrations." This foundational ethos has guided the eMagazine through two decades, operating on a set of unwavering principles. Driven solely by the passion of its contributors, it has remained entirely volunteer-run, completely advertisement-free, and has distributed all 225 of its monthly editions universally free of charge.

This unique model has not hindered its innovation. Key milestones celebrated included the creation of the cartoon character 'Prince' in 2008—another suggestion from Dr Kalam, who saw the need for a conscience-keeper for the common person. The character created by Raipur-based senior cartoonist Triambak Sharma, became so beloved that it was featured in the *Wall Street Journal* after its 60th edition. In 2010, the organisation established the pioneering Sansad Ratna Awards, an initiative also inspired by Dr Kalam, to honour top-performing parliamentarians, moving the digital magazine's impact from the screen to the national stage of governance. Till 2025, 143 Awards have been presented to individual MPs and Parliamentary Committees, through 15 Award functions. Hon'ble President of India also hosted High Tea for the Awardees in 2024.

Voices of Experience: Keynote Addresses on Journalism, Ethics, and Technology

The intellectual core of the celebration featured keynote addresses from seasoned leaders in media and law, who offered their perspectives on PreSense's legacy and the formidable challenges facing modern journalism.

R. Bhagwan Singh: A Personal Tribute to Vision and Perseverance

In his presiding address, R. Bhagwan Singh offered a heartfelt and personal tribute. Recalling his decades-long friendship with the founder Prime Point Srinivasan, he shared a defining anecdote from the 1980s. At the time, Srinivasan, then a bank manager, provided him with the "meat for the story" on a fraudulent Minister who had duped several banks. Yet, in a move that foreshadowed his future mission, he also insisted on editing the "spicy stuff" out of the report. This paradox, Bhagwan Singh noted, perfectly illustrated Srinivasan's nascent commitment to presenting hard facts constructively—a philosophy that would later define *PreSense*. Hailing the eMagazine as a "trailblazer" and a visionary initiative, he concluded that its sustained success has done Dr Kalam's memory proud.

R. Lakshmipathy: Blending Ancient Wisdom with Modern Tools

R. Lakshmipathy, Joint Director of Dinamalar, commended the consistent, volunteer-based effort that has powered *PreSense* for two decades, calling it a "great inspirational story." He offered insightful commentary on the two e-books launched at the event, noting how '*Unlock Your Inner Strength*' distils profound wisdom into simple, practical techniques, and how the articles in '*Insightful Reflections*' ought to be read by every journalism student. Looking forward, he framed Artificial Intelligence not as a threat but as a powerful tool. He argued that AI can help connect ancient knowledge—such as the three lakh formulations documented in Siddha literature—with contemporary challenges, enabling us to harness this wisdom for a more informed future.



Hon. Justice Dr T.N. Vallinayagam: Upholding Truth in the Digital Age

Delivering the Chief Guest's address, Hon. Justice Dr T.N. Vallinayagam offered a compelling legal and constitutional perspective. He praised *PreSense* for its unwavering commitment to quality and integrity in an age of rampant misinformation. Citing Article 19(2) of the Constitution, he reminded the audience that freedom of expression is tempered by "reasonable restrictions." He issued a stark warning about the threats posed by deepfake technology, stating that the deliberate propagation of falsehoods does not fall within the protected sphere of free speech. On the subject of AI in the judiciary, his view was nuanced and firm. He stressed that while AI can be a valuable research aid, it must be treated with caution, citing instances of fabricated case citations, referred to as "hallucinations."

"AI can assist, but cannot replace judicial decision-making... It doesn't have emotions like us to analyse the situation completely."

He concluded that AI can never replace human reasoning, judicial principles, and emotional intelligence that are essential for delivering true justice.



Group Capt. R Vijayakumar (Retd) VSM, Executive Director of Madras Management Association, receives the first copy of the book "Insightful Reflections."



S S Ramasubbu, Former MP, receives the first copy of the book "Yoga: Unlock Your Inner Strength."

Unveiling the Future: New Publications and AI-Powered Assistants

The celebration was as much about the future as it was about the past, serving as a launchpad for new initiatives designed to empower readers and journalists alike.

First, two new e-books were unveiled: *'Insightful Reflections'* by Ramesh Sundaram and *'Yoga: Unlock Your Inner Strength'* by Yogacharyan Suresh Veera. The free distribution of these, and the foundation's entire library of over 55 publications, stands as a testament to the same unwavering ethos that has defined the ad-free, volunteer-run eMagazine for two decades: a commitment to making knowledge accessible to all free of cost.

Second, the foundation launched two sophisticated AI assistants, both powered by Google Gemini, to revolutionise journalistic workflows:

Honouring the Pillars: A Tribute to Early Contributors

In one of the event's most poignant segments, founder Prime Point Srinivasan paid personal tribute to the volunteers and supporters instrumental in *PreSense*'s journey. Moving beyond a list of names, he shared anecdotes that illuminated their crucial contributions.

Susan Koshy (Former Editor in Chief of *PreSense*), V Rajendran (Former Editor of *PreSense*), K. Ashokan (Senior Journalist and former Editor of *Ananda Vikatan*), R Nurullah (Senior Journalist), and T N Ashok (Senior Journalist) were honoured by the Chief Guest with *'Angavastram'* for their support to *PreSense* in the early days.

R Nurullah (Co-Chairman of DiJAI) welcomed the audience. C Badri (Editor in Chief of *PreSense*) proposed vote of thanks. Priyadharshni Rahul, President of DiJAI and Editor of *PreSense*, coordinated the event.

Conclusion: A Continuing Legacy for a New Media Epoch

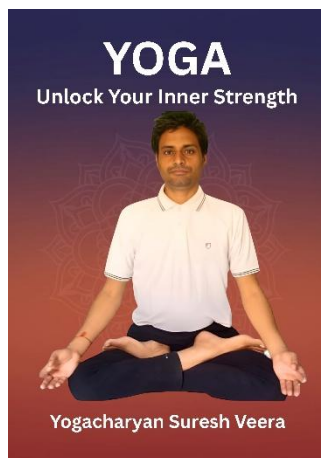
The 20th anniversary celebration of *PreSense* and 10th Anniversary of DiJAI was a powerful testament to a dual vision: one that honours a remarkable legacy of positive, volunteer-driven journalism while simultaneously embracing the future through the strategic adoption of Artificial Intelligence. The core message from the day's speeches was clear: in a complex and often divisive media landscape, the mission to foster integrity, promote constructive discourse, and contribute to nation-building is more relevant than ever.

The event ultimately showcased a compelling paradox at the heart of this enduring mission. A journalistic vision inspired by a revered, pre-digital-era leader is now being propelled into the next epoch by the most advanced tools of the digital age. Guided by the principles of its past and equipped with the tools of its future, the Prime Point Foundation is poised to continue its influential journey, proving that journalism driven by purpose can indeed create tangible, positive change.

PreSense at 20: Celebrating a Legacy of Positive Journalism and Unveiling a Vision for the Future

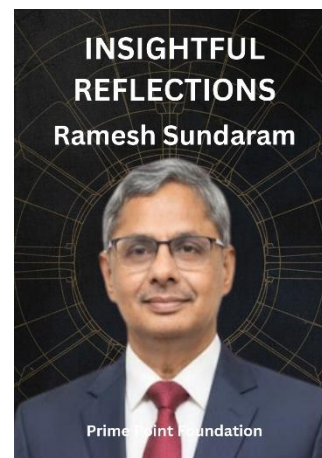
Launch of Two Books under "PreSense Speaks" series

Periodically, PreSense publishes select articles published in the earlier editions as eBooks for the benefit of readers and distributes free digitally. During this event, Hon'ble Justice Vallinayagam launched two books, a compilation of articles published earlier.



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Launch of AI Products



Hon'ble Justice Dr T N Vallinayagam launches the two AI Products developed by Prime Point Foundation

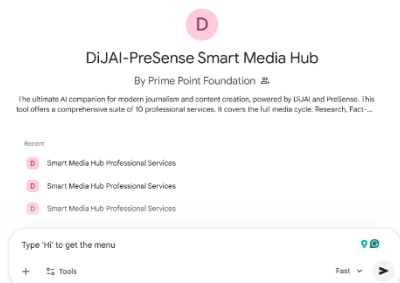
During the 20th Anniversary of PreSense and 10th Anniversary of DiJAI, the following two AI Assistants were launched.

DiJAI PreSense Smart Media Hub: Characterised as a "personal senior chief sub-editor," this tool is designed to assist creators with research, summarising articles, fact-checking, and proofreading content in British English. Please click the link



<https://tinyurl.com/dijai-presense-hub>.

Log in with your Gmail ID and type 'Hi' in the search box to get the complete Menu. You can also use the QR Code to access this AI Assistant.

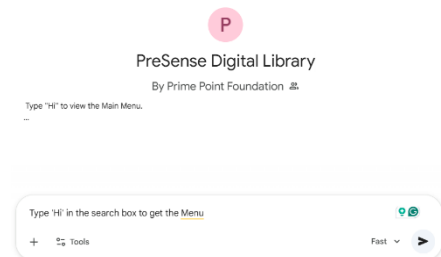


PreSense Digital Library: Functioning as an "expert AI archivist," this tool provides instant, searchable access to the entire 20-year, 225-edition archive of the e-magazine. Its key feature is the ability to provide precise source links to the original PDFs, ensuring complete transparency and verifiability. Please click the following link.



<https://tinyurl.com/presense-library>

Log in with your Gmail ID and type 'Hi' in the search box to get the Menu. You can also use the QR Code to access this AI Assistant.



Panel Discussion

Impact of AI on Media: Voices from domain experts

By Deepa Lenin, Advisor, DiJAI



(Celebrating PreSense and DiJAI anniversaries, experts discussed AI's media impact, emphasizing that while AI enhances efficiency, human oversight, ethics, and transparency remain essential for credibility.)



L to R: Prof. Sudarshan Padmanabhan, D Suresh Kumar, Priyadharshni Rahul, V Prem Shanker, and Rehana Ameer

The 20th Anniversary of **PreSense** and the 10th Anniversary of **DiJAI** brought together journalists, technologists, and policymakers for a compelling panel discussion on **"Impact of AI on Media."** The session, **moderated by Adv. Priyadharshni Rahul** and organised by **Prime Point Srinivasan**, was supported by a dedicated team of **DiJAI volunteers**, including myself. We explored how AI is reshaping the media landscape while raising new ethical challenges.

The discussion began with **Shri V Prem Shanker**, Senior Executive Editor of *Puthiya Thalaimurai*, who provided a practical, newsroom-level view of AI's growing influence in television journalism. He noted that AI tools are already speeding up production workflows, from automated clipping to content suggestions. However, he cautioned that efficiency must never override responsibility. With the rise of **deepfakes and synthetic media**, he stressed the need for strong verification systems and editorial filters. AI, he said, should remain a **support tool**, while credibility and judgment stay firmly in human hands.

Prof. Sudarshan Padmanabhan of IIT Madras followed with an academically grounded explanation of how AI models learn and evolve. He focused on two critical concerns: **ethics**



and **hallucination**. AI, he explained, is not just a technological tool but a socially influential system capable of shaping narratives. This makes **ethical clarity, transparency, and accountability** essential. He warned that AI can hallucinate, producing confident, but incorrect outputs that can mislead audiences and distort facts if journalists rely on them without verification. His message was clear: **AI must be guided by human oversight**.

From the print media perspective, **Shri D Suresh Kumar**, Deputy Resident Editor - Tamil Nadu of *The Hindu*, emphasized the need for **transparency** in AI-generated content. He insisted that media houses must openly state when AI is used. **"You cannot run away from AI, for that matter, in any field,"** he said, urging journalists to adapt rather than resist. Using a memorable analogy, he compared AI to an **evolved monkey**, something we must learn to handle intelligently, not fear. He contrasted the responsible use of AI in legacy media with the unchecked misinformation circulating through what he called *"WhatsApp University."* In today's environment, he said, journalists must put in **extra effort to distinguish real news from fake**.

Adding a global dimension, **Ms. Rehana Ameer**, Chair of CoLA at the London Chamber of Commerce & Industry and Former Councillor of London Corporation, highlighted AI's growing role in **policy, governance, and global business models**. She stressed that responsible AI adoption requires collaboration between **technologists, regulators, media organisations, and civil society**. With audiences consuming both verified news and unverified content, she noted that **credibility and public trust** will determine which media institutions thrive. AI, she said, should empower journalists to enhance storytelling and efficiency, while ethics and accountability remain central.

Throughout the session, **Moderator Priyadarshni Rahul** steered the conversation toward a unifying theme: **AI should empower, not replace, journalists**.

The panel concluded with a shared understanding: AI is a powerful enabler, but the **heart of journalism must remain human**. Ethics, credibility, and responsibility will shape the future of media.

Our Team



Videos of the full event can be watched from

Panel Discussion: <https://youtu.be/6j2V80WfCMU?si=whIWbdQwYiyAIIE4>

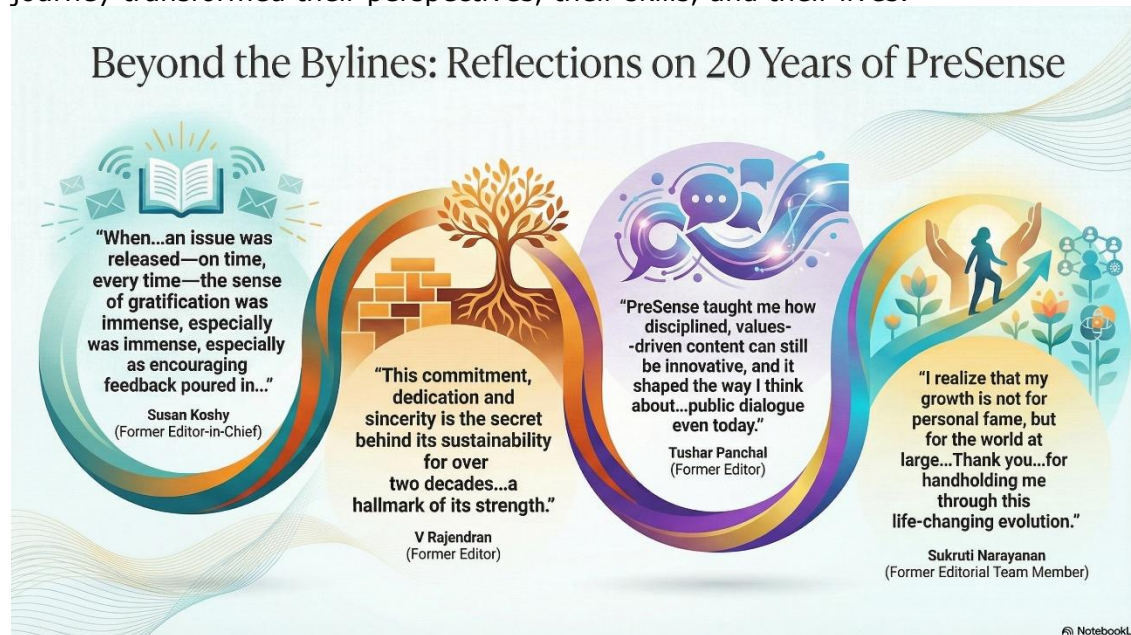
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Beyond the Bylines

Personal Reflections on a 20-Year Journey with PreSense

For twenty years, PreSense has been more than an e-magazine; it has been a mentor, a laboratory, and a legacy. Here, our past editors go **beyond the bylines** to share how this journey transformed their perspectives, their skills, and their lives.



Susan Koshy (Former General Manager of IDBI and Former Editor in Chief of PreSense, a Communication Expert)



It was sometime in the mid-1990s that I made a chance acquaintance with a guest faculty member, Mr K. Srinivasan, at a banking institute in Pune, India. When I reconnected with him in Chennai in 2009, he introduced me to an opportunity to actively pursue my long-cherished passion for writing. By then, Srinivasan was known as Prime Point Srinivasan, a sobriquet derived from his own initiative, the Prime Point Foundation.

My primary association was with the e-magazine *PreSense*. I began my innings with *PreSense* as a guest contributor and gradually progressed to become a member of the Editorial Board, then the Editor, and eventually the Editor-in-Chief. It was a journey rich in experience, exposure, and learning, nurtured by my close association with and guidance from Srinivasan. Over time, our interactions became frequent and wide-ranging—sometimes brief exchanges lasting a few minutes, at other times hour-long, spirited discussions about *PreSense* or any subject worthy of debate and opinion.

Working on *PreSense* was both a passion and a challenge. Each month involved meticulous planning and sustained effort to ensure the timely release of articles that informed, educated, debated, and suggested. Every issue brought a sense of novelty, as Srinivasan, the Publisher and Managing Editor, and I, the Editor-in-Chief, planned and deliberated on the range of

articles to be included, deadlines to be met, writers to be persuaded, and guest contributors to be identified. When, at the end of this collective effort, an issue was released — on time, every time — the sense of gratification was immense, especially as encouraging feedback poured in, motivating both the team and me personally.

As my involvement with *PreSense* deepened, I also became associated with other initiatives such as the *Sansad Ratna Awards* and the *Digital Journalists' Association of India*. These platforms enabled me to interact with several luminaries from the parliamentary, bureaucratic, journalistic, and other assorted spheres. Their maturity, depth of knowledge, dignity, and eloquence offered me invaluable insights into my country, its systems of governance, and current affairs.

Today, as I look back with gratitude and fondness, there remains only one regret that I can never make up for — the missed opportunity of personally knowing another luminary and Srinivasan's mentor, Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam.

V Rajendran (Chairman, Digital Security Association of India and Former Editor of PreSense)

Delighted to know about and to be part of the 20th Anniversary celebrations of our favourite magazine, 'PreSense'. It is a unique venture from Shri Prime Point Srinivasan, the first e-magazine in the country, the first news analysis magazine that hit the cyberspace when network bandwidth was a costly commodity, network security was a new concept, and the phrase 'digital space' itself was not heard of. In that sense, this e-magazine was far ahead of its times, like its consanguine cousins viz. Podcast, Yahoo! Groups broadcasts etc.



I am proud to have been associated with this venture for more than 10 years as part of its Editorial Board and later as Editor too, mostly taking care of proofreading and copyright-related Intellectual Property Rights responsibilities. Like the printed magazine which has to be on the stands on a specific day without fail, (with the help of someone, without someone or in spite of someone!), this emagazine was always on the stands exactly on the last day of the month. This commitment, dedication, and sincerity are the secrets behind its sustainability for more than two decades, standing tall among its contemporaries, towering as a hallmark of its strength.

Wish the entire team success in the years to come!

Tushar Panchal (Founder and CEO, WarRoom Strategies and Former Editor of PreSense)



Mr Srinivasan, fondly known as Prime Point Srinivasan, brought PreSense into my life at a formative moment, when digital publishing in India was still fluid and full of possibility. As an editor for a brief period, I saw it not just as an ezine but as a living laboratory to test how ideas, design, and narratives could travel in a purely online format.

My most meaningful contribution was helping the magazine evolve from a narrowly defined PR publication into a broader communication and commentary platform, opening space for

public affairs, governance, and citizen-centric themes. That shift demanded new visual language, a more agile structure, and a sharper, yet accessible, editorial tone.

What I valued most was the trust and freedom to experiment. PreSense taught me how disciplined, values-driven content can still be innovative, and it thus shaped the way I think about political communication, reputation, and public dialogue even today.

I wish PreSense continued success.

Sukruti Narayanan (Communication expert in Australia and Former Associate Editor of PreSense)

In my 15-year journey with **PreSense**, spanning from the 73rd to the 225th edition, I have witnessed a platform whose heart remains unchanged: the commitment to publishing timeless, citizen-led journalism. What began as a simple task of hosting milestone events and proofreading for typos evolved into a profound training ground for research, analysis, and national impact.

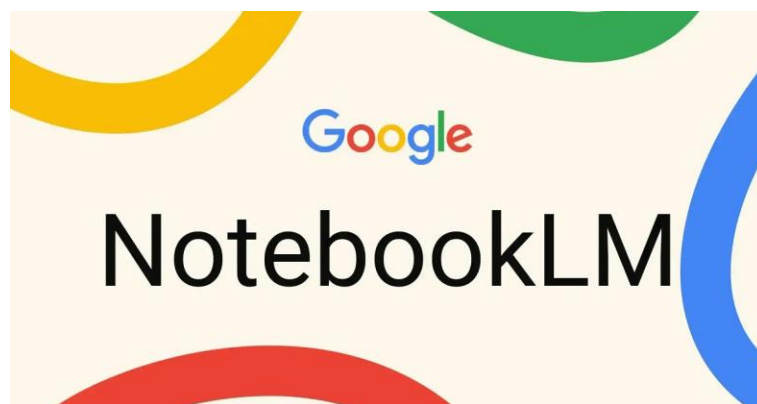
I was initially awed by the creative genius of Srinivasan Sir, particularly through the "Prince" cartoons, which taught me to express powerful views with minimal words. However, my own path was not without struggle. Identifying topics was a "nightmare," and I often felt the irritation of expecting great output without feeding the necessary input of reading and research.

Srinivasan Sir's mentorship was the catalyst for my transformation. Through his sessions on communication, branding, and the AIDA principle, I realized that writing is not a mysterious art that appears perfectly one day; it is a "**practice**"—much like music or sports—requiring repetition and discipline. His philosophy, "*With you, Without you, In spite of you,*" reflects an indomitable spirit that I have come to deeply respect.

Today, I laugh at my former self. I have transitioned from a person with "little planning" to someone who understands structure, layout, and the importance of goodwill. Guided by the wisdom of *Thirukkural*—that what we know is but a handful of sand—I realize that my growth is not for personal fame, but for the world at large. Thank you, Sir, for handholding me through this life-changing evolution.



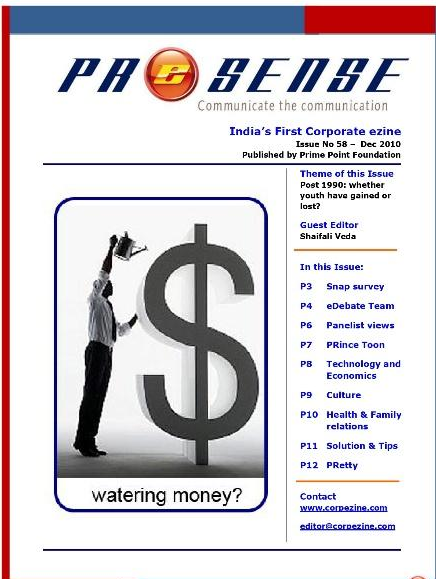
DiJAI workshop on NotebookLM



Digital Journalists Association of India (DiJAI) conducted an online workshop through Zoom on 20th December 2025.

Prime Point Srinivasan, Founder and Chairman of DiJAI, conducted the session live for 120 minutes. He explained the new features of NotebookLM, like Audio podcast, video podcast, Report generation, Info graph generation, etc.

Time Capsule Chronicles: Revisiting PreSense - 15 Years Ago – Dec 2010 "Post 1990: whether youth have gained or lost?"



The December 2010 edition of *PR-e-Sense* (Issue 58) serves as a poignant time capsule, capturing India's collective introspection exactly two decades after the landmark 1990 liberalisation. Under Guest Editor Shaifali Veda, the issue tackles a profound central question: have the Indian youth truly gained or lost in this brave new world?

The Great Debate: Prosperity vs. Values

The magazine highlights a fascinating dichotomy through its snap polls and e-debates. On the surface, the "gains" are undeniable: 80% of readers pointed to vast improvements in technology and educational opportunities. Team A argued that the post-1990 era birthed a more creative, globalised professional class capable of solving complex problems and achieving unprecedented financial independence.

However, this material success carries a heavy "hidden cost". A staggering 75% of respondents felt that culture and family relationships had deteriorated. The debate paints a stark picture of the "call centre culture," characterised by high stress, the erosion of traditional ethics, and a shift toward individualistic "money at any cost" tendencies.

Health and the Future

One of the issue's most prophetic sections discusses health. While life expectancy in India rose to 63.7 years by 2008, the magazine warns that the youth were becoming "older sooner," with lifestyle diseases like hypertension and obesity attacking those in their thirties.

Verdict

Ultimately, while 69% of readers felt the net effect on youth was positive, *PR-e-Sense* concludes with a call for "Individual Social Responsibility". It suggests that for India to thrive, the education system must pivot from being purely market-focused to being "value-focused," re-integrating ethics and even "grandma stories" to ground the next generation.

Review Courtesy: Gemini AI

This edition can be downloaded from the link:

<https://www.prpoint.com/ezine/presense1210.pdf>





Freedom Fighters of India

Pherozeshah Mehta (Maharashtra)



By C. Badri, Editor in Chief

(Pherozeshah Mehta, the "Lion of Bombay," pioneered India's independence through constitutional reform, founding the Indian National Congress and revolutionizing civic governance with legal expertise and integrity.)

Pherozeshah Mehta was a pioneering Freedom Fighter who shaped India's Early Struggle for Independence. Often called the "Lion of Bombay," he was a leading figure in India's early fight for independence against British colonial rule. His legacy as a leader, reformer, and respected statesman continues to inspire many. Mehta was not only a fierce opponent of British imperialism, but he also helped lay the foundations for democratic governance, modern civic administration, and public participation in India. This article examines his life, ideas, and persistent resistance to British policies, emphasising his significant contributions to India's path toward independence.



Born on August 4, 1845, in Bombay (now Mumbai), Pherozeshah Mehta came from a distinguished Parsi family. His father, Seth Saklatwala Mehta, was a well-known merchant, which afforded young Pherozeshah a comfortable upbringing and access to quality education. Mehta attended Elphinstone College, where he excelled, particularly in law. His intellectual curiosity and commitment to social justice led him to pursue further studies in England, where he was called to the bar at Lincoln's Inn in 1868. This exposure to Western legal and political thought profoundly shaped

his worldview and approach to political activism in India.

After returning to India, Mehta quickly established himself as a leading lawyer in Bombay. However, it was his dedication to public service and reform that set him apart. He joined the Bombay Municipal Corporation, where his leadership and commitment to civic improvement earned him the title "Father of Bombay Municipality." Under his guidance, the city saw significant advances in public health, sanitation, and urban infrastructure, setting benchmarks for other Indian cities.

Mehta's entry into politics was driven by his growing disillusionment with British colonial rule. He recognised the exploitative nature of British policies, which prioritised imperial interests over the welfare of Indians. Mehta's opposition to British rule was not merely rhetorical; he advocated constitutional reforms, greater Indian participation in government, and the protection of civil liberties.

He was among the founding members of the Indian National Congress (INC) in 1885, a platform that would become central to India's freedom movement. Mehta advocated constitutional agitation, peaceful protest, and dialogue with the colonial government. However, he was also known for his uncompromising stance on justice and equality. Through speeches, writings, and public mobilisation, Mehta consistently challenged the British government's arbitrary laws, discriminatory practices, and reluctance to grant Indians political rights.

Pherozeshah Mehta's leadership at the municipal level set a precedent for Indian self-governance. He advocated for expanding local government powers and democratising civic administration. His efforts led to a more representative and accountable municipal system, thereby empowering citizens and fostering political responsibility.

On the national stage, Mehta played a key role in shaping the INC's early strategies and policies. He was instrumental in drafting petitions, organising meetings, and articulating Indian leaders' demands to the British authorities. Mehta's legal expertise enabled him to dissect British statutes, expose their flaws, and argue persuasively for reform. His work contributed to the gradual expansion of Indian representation in legislative councils, though he remained critical of reforms that fell short of genuine self-rule.

Mehta's opposition to British rule was particularly evident in his campaigns against unjust laws and taxes. He spoke out against the Vernacular Press Act, which sought to stifle Indian voices, and the Salt Tax, which burdened the poor. Mehta's advocacy spanned education, economic development, and social justice, reflecting his holistic vision for an independent and progressive India.

In the legislative councils, Mehta was a formidable debater. He challenged the colonial government's fiscal policies, criticised its disregard for Indian needs, and defended the rights of marginalised communities. His principled opposition earned him respect even from his adversaries, and his integrity became a benchmark for public service.

Pherozeshah Mehta's legacy is multifaceted. He helped transform the Bombay Municipal Corporation into a model of urban governance, laying the groundwork for local democracy in India. As a freedom fighter, he empowered Indians to demand their rights, resist colonial exploitation, and envision a future free of foreign domination.

Mehta's approach to opposition—rooted in law, reason, and public engagement—served as a blueprint for subsequent generations of leaders. His insistence on constitutional methods, though sometimes criticised as overly moderate, ensured that the early freedom movement remained inclusive and focused on long-term change. Mehta also inspired a new generation of activists, including Dadabhai Naoroji, Gopal Krishna Gokhale, and Bal Gangadhar Tilak, who built on his vision and expanded the scope of resistance.

Pherozeshah Mehta is among India's most influential architects of the freedom movement. His opposition to British rule was unwavering, characterised by intellectual rigour, moral courage, and practical reforms. By advocating for constitutional rights, civic improvement, and national unity, Mehta played a key role in preparing India for the eventual victory of independence. His contributions remind us that the fight for freedom is not only fought on the battlefield but also in courts, councils, and city streets—where leaders like Mehta laid the foundation for a just and democratic society. Today, as India continues to evolve, the legacy of Pherozeshah Mehta remains a guiding light for those who seek justice, equality, and progress for all. JAI HIND



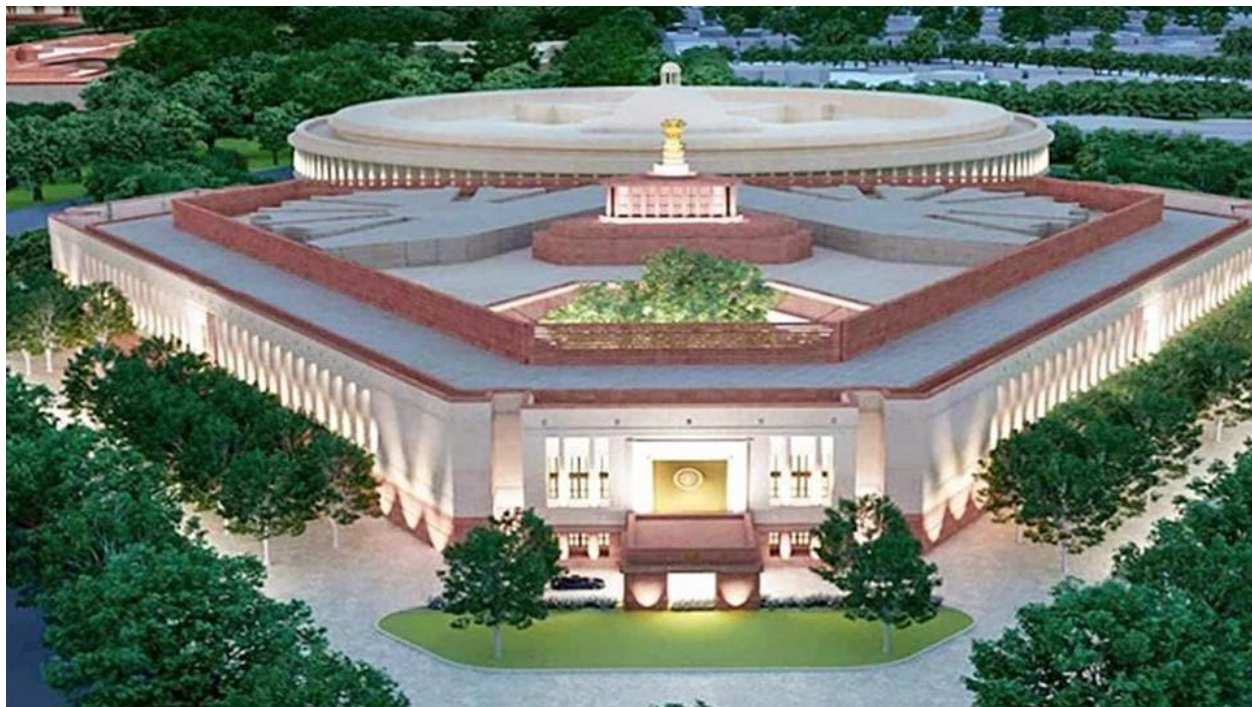
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Parliament's Winter Session 2025: A Review of Legislative Productivity and Process

By Prime Point Srinivasan, Managing Editor

(The 2025 Winter Session achieved record productivity, passing major rural employment, energy, and insurance reforms. However, the rapid pace raised concerns regarding thorough legislative scrutiny.)

Data courtesy: PRS Legislative Research



A Session of High Productivity

In a parliamentary democracy, time utilization is a direct indicator of legislative intent and capacity. By this metric, the Winter Session of 2025 was a notable outlier, demanding closer scrutiny of its legislative record. Held over 15 sittings from December 1 to December 19, 2025, both Houses of Parliament worked beyond their allotted schedules, with the Lok Sabha functioning for 103% of its scheduled time and the Rajya Sabha achieving an even higher rate of 104%. This exceptional productivity was not merely statistical; it facilitated the advancement of a substantial and deeply consequential legislative agenda.

Analysis of Key Legislative Achievements

The true impact of any session is measured by the nature of the legislation it enacts. The Winter Session 2025 saw the passage of several bills representing fundamental policy shifts for India's economic, social, and strategic landscape. Three pieces of legislation, in particular, underscore the government's reformist agenda.

Parliament's Winter Session 2025: A Review of Productivity and Process

Winter Session 2025: High productivity with houses working beyond scheduled hours, coupled with concerns about accelerated passage of transformative bills with limited committee oversight.

Session Highlights: High Productivity & Major Reforms



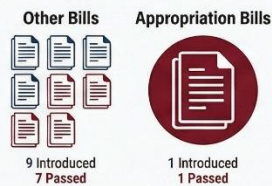
Significant Time Dedicated to Debates

Over 40% of time in both Houses was spent on debates, including key national issues.



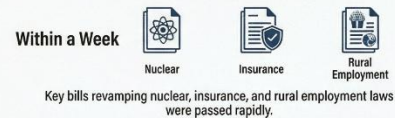
Passage of Three Landmark Bills

Major reforms were passed in rural employment, nuclear energy, and the insurance sector.



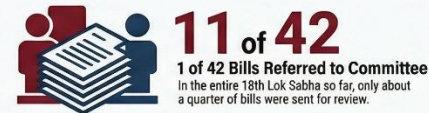
The Pace of Lawmaking: Speed vs. Scrutiny

7 out of 9 Bills Passed Within a Week



Selective Scrutiny Applied

In contrast, bills on securities markets and higher education were referred to committees.



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The Viksit Bharat – Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) VB: G RAM G Bill, 2025: This landmark Bill replaces the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) of 2005. It not only increases the guaranteed days of employment for rural households from 100 to 125 annually but also fundamentally alters the scheme's structure by changing the funding pattern to mirror that of centrally sponsored schemes and allowing for the program to be paused during cropping seasons.

The Sustainable Harnessing and Advancement of Nuclear Energy for Transforming India Bill, 2025: Overhauling the country's atomic energy framework, this legislation replaces two foundational laws: the Atomic Energy Act, 1964, and the Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage Act, 2010. Crucially, it opens the sector to private companies for building and operating nuclear power plants and removes the provision related to a supplier's liability in the event of an accident.

The Sabka Bima Sabki Raksha (Amendment of Insurance Laws) Bill, 2025: Amending the Insurance Act of 1938, this Bill enacts a significant liberalization of the financial services industry. It permits up to 100% foreign investment in Indian insurance companies, reduces capital requirements for foreign re-insurance businesses, and expands the powers of the insurance regulator (IRDA) to bring them in line with the capital markets regulator (SEBI).

However, the very speed with which these transformative bills were enacted raises critical questions about the balance between legislative urgency and procedural scrutiny.

The Pace of Lawmaking: Speed vs. Scrutiny

The session was defined by an acute tension between legislative speed and deliberative scrutiny. While parliamentary committees provide a vital check on executive proposals, their role was selectively applied. A striking feature of the session was the government's decision to introduce several bills with far-reaching consequences in the final week, all of which were passed before the session concluded.

This accelerated pace is captured in the data: seven of the nine bills introduced during the session were also passed within a single week. In contrast, two other significant pieces of legislation were referred for deeper examination, acknowledging their complexity:

- **The Securities Markets Code, 2025**, which aims to merge three separate securities laws into a single, unified code, was referred to the Standing Committee on Finance.
- **The Viksit Bharat Shiksha Adhishthan Bill, 2025**, which proposes establishing a new regulatory body to replace the UGC and other higher education councils, was referred to a Joint Committee of both Houses.

This procedural bifurcation—prioritizing speed for some transformative bills while allowing scrutiny for others—offers a telling insight into the broader institutional health and practices observed during the session.

House Dynamics and Institutional Health: A Broader View

A parliament's performance is not defined solely by the laws it passes but also by its adherence to democratic processes that ensure accountability and robust debate. The Winter Session presented a mixed picture, with healthy deliberative activity set against a persistent and constitutionally significant institutional lapse.

- **Debates and Time Allocation:** Both Houses dedicated a substantial portion of their time—over 40%—to debates. This included special discussions of national significance on the 150th anniversary of *Vande Mataram* and the pressing need for electoral reforms.
- **Question Hour:** This critical tool for executive accountability was utilized effectively. The Lok Sabha used 67% of its allocated Question Hour time, while the Rajya Sabha achieved an 80% utilization rate.
- **Private Members' Business:** The session marked a welcome return to a key parliamentary tradition, with Private Members' Bills being introduced in the Lok Sabha for the first time since August 2024.
- **Deputy Speaker Vacancy:** A glaring institutional issue continues to fester. The 18th Lok Sabha is yet to elect a Deputy Speaker, extending a vacancy that has existed since June 2019. This runs contrary to the constitutional mandate that the Lok Sabha select both a Speaker and Deputy Speaker at the earliest.

Conclusion: An Efficient but Questioning Session

The Winter Session of 2025 will be defined by a central paradox: it was a quantitative success in legislative output that simultaneously raised qualitative questions about parliamentary process. The government successfully pushed through major policy reforms in rural employment, nuclear energy, and finance with remarkable speed. Yet, this very efficiency, particularly the rush to pass transformative legislation in the session's final days, casts a shadow on the depth of scrutiny afforded to laws that will impact millions. While core parliamentary functions like Debate and Question Hour were robust, the unaddressed vacancy of the Deputy Speaker underscores a continued disregard for established institutional norms.

Ultimately, the session stands as a compelling case study of a Parliament that is highly productive in its outcomes but leaves open serious questions about its methods.



