

***Priyadharshni Rahul  
Advocate,  
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प्रधान मंत्री  
Prime Minister

### MESSAGE

It is indeed heartening to learn about the 13<sup>th</sup> edition of Sansad Ratna Awards being held in New Delhi. Greetings and heartiest congratulations to the distinguished Parliamentarians for winning the awards.

As the Mother of Democracy, India's socio-political systems and practices have an ancient tradition of debate, dialogue, spirit of cooperation, transparency and inclusiveness.

Our democracy, Parliament, Parliamentary systems and procedures and the participation of people's representatives have played a crucial role in furthering the nation's glorious journey.

Discussions and debates in Parliament provide a forum to the government and policymakers to fulfil the people's aspirations and take the country's development journey ahead. It is the responsibility of every Parliamentarian to enhance the quality of debates in the House, as also voice the concerns of the people, particularly the poor and marginalised sections of the society.

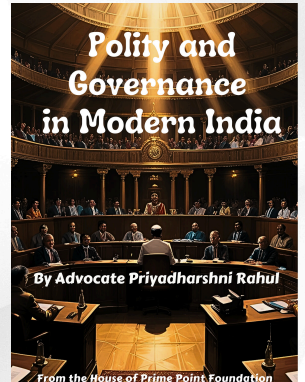
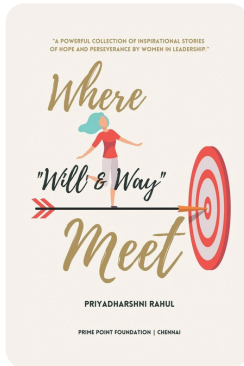
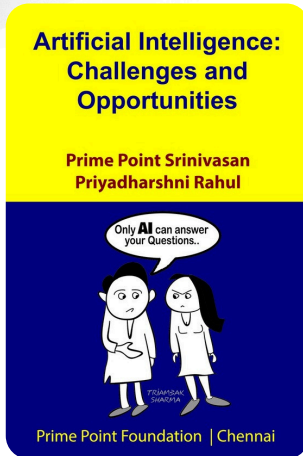
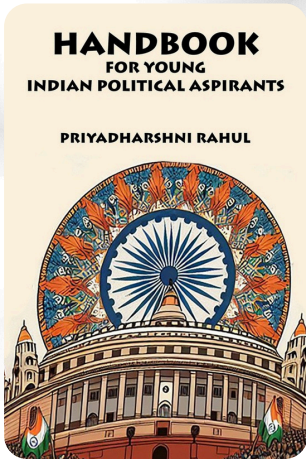
This year's edition of Sansad Ratna Awards recognise and honour the outstanding contributions of some of our eminent Parliamentarians. I am sure that the Awards will inspire every Member to further enrich Parliamentary proceedings through their vision and wisdom.

Best wishes to everyone associated with Sansad Ratna Awards Committee for their future endeavours.

(Narendra Modi)

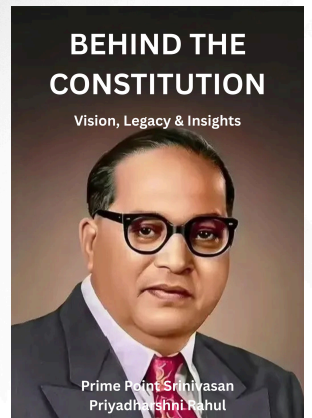
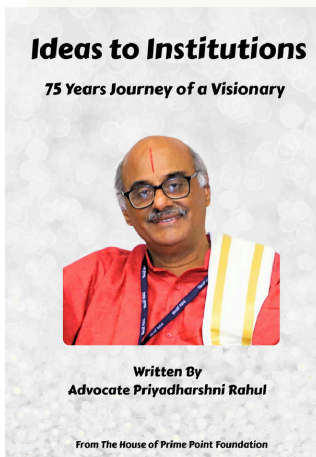
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24<sup>th</sup> February, 2023

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## **Profile of G. Priyadharshni (a) Priyadharshni Rahul**

### **Executive Summary**

Priyadharshni Rahul stands as a distinguished advocate at the Supreme Court of India and a multifaceted leader who has made significant contributions to public service, legal advocacy, and youth development. Her career exemplifies a remarkable blend of legal expertise, policy advocacy, and commitment to democratic values.

### **Key Leadership Positions**

- Advocate, Supreme Court of India
- Central Govt. Counsel, Supreme Court of India
- Asst. Standing Counsel, New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC)
- Counsel, Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD)
- Chairman, Sansad Ratna Awards Committee

- President, Prime Point Foundation
- Editor, PreSense eMagazine
- Founder and President, Next Gen Political Leaders
- President, Digital Journalists Association of India

### **Legal Career and Advocacy:**

Her legal practice spans criminal law, constitutional law, service law, civil law, PMLA, POCSO Act, arbitration and public interest litigation. She has handled sensitive cases including honour killings in Tamil Nadu, reservations in municipal elections in Bihar and environmental-related matters including Western Ghats protection. Notable among her initiatives is a Public Interest Litigation seeking an exclusive Ministry for senior citizens in India.

She was the arguing Counsel in Supreme Court for many nationally popular cases, including establishment of Navodaya Schools in Tamil Nadu and representing Tiruchendurai village supporting the Waqf amendment Bill.

## **Policy Engagement and Democratic Development:**

Priyadharshni has been actively involved in several key policy areas:

- Advocacy for 'One Nation, One Election'
- Discussed the uniqueness of Indian Constitution and Indian Democracy with the President of Seychelles, Patrick Herminie
- Assisted the Chairman of JPC for the Waqf amendment bill with research on the International perspective.
- Creating awareness to Implement the National Education Policy
- Awareness generation on the Women's Reservation Bill, Operation Sindoor, New Criminal Laws and Electoral Reforms

## **International Engagement:**

Her International profile includes:

- Addressing Ambassadors in Kuwait on women's empowerment

- Participation in a special delegation to the Parliament of Israel
- Representation at the Commonwealth Youth Parliament, Delhi

### **Publications and Academic Contributions:**

She has authored nine books on diverse subjects, including:

- Juvenile Justice System in India
- Media Integrity in the Digital Era
- Artificial Intelligence: Challenges and Opportunities
- Where Will and Way Meet (On Women's Empowerment)
- A handbook for Indian political aspirants
- The Journey of Sansad Ratnas 2025 (exclusive interviews with 17 outstanding Indian Parliamentarians)
- Ideas to Institutions: 75 Years Journey of a Visionary (Biography on Prime Point Srinivasan)
- Polity and Governance in Modern India

- Behind the Constitution – Vision, Legacy and Insights

### **Recognition and Awards:**

Her contributions have been recognised through various honours:

- India Book of Records recognition for leadership
- "Visionary of the Year Award" from Public Relations Council of India
- Dr Abdul Kalam International Award of Excellence
- Youth Ambassador of India to the United Kingdom in 2005 by the Government of India
- Led the Republic Day parade for Tamil Nadu, Pondicherry and Andaman and Nicobar NCC Directorate in 2005 at Delhi

### **Educational Background and student days Achievements:**

- Graduate and topper in Political Science from Madras Christian College
- MSc in Psychology and LLB degree

- Currently pursuing PhD in the “Impact Positive reinforcement of Members of Parliament”
- Recipient of the President's Award (Bharat Scouts and Guides) at age 15
- Prime Minister's Gold Medal for best NCC parade Contingent
- Duke of Edinburgh's Silver International Award at age 16
- The first Indian Naval wing girl cadet to be deputed as Youth Ambassador to UK and the first girl cadet in Tamil Nadu to rise to the rank of Senior Cadet Captain.

**Current Focus:**

Priyadharshni continues to champion several important initiatives:

- Training programmes for women leaders considering the one-third reservation in legislatures
- Creating awareness about National Cadet Corps (NCC) among the students across India

- Digital journalism ethics and fake news detection and Workshops to create awareness about Artificial Intelligence (AI)
- Youth leadership development through Next Gen Political Leaders
- Constitutional awareness through seminars and sessions celebrating our Constitution Day
- Promoting ethical principles and moral values in school and college students through lectures and workshops

Her multifaceted career demonstrates a commitment to strengthening India's democratic institutions while fostering the next generation of leadership.

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## **As Chairman, Sansad Ratna Awards Committee**

As Chairman of the Sansad Ratna Awards Committee, Priyadharshni Rahul had the privilege of leading the team of Sansad team to meet the Hon'ble President, Smt. Droupadi Murmu, on two significant occasions.



**May 2023**



**Feb 2024**

The first meeting, in May 2023, was to seek her blessings for the initiative and the second, in February 2024, was alongside the esteemed Sansad Ratna Award-winning MPs of the 17th Lok Sabha.

During both meetings, Priyadharshni Rahul provided a detailed briefing to the Hon'ble President about the Sansad Ratna Awards initiative, highlighting its purpose and impact.



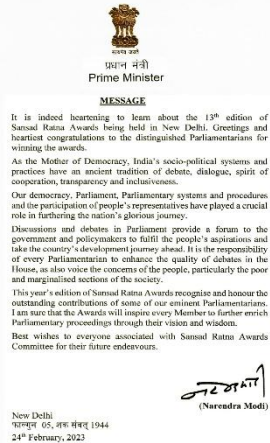
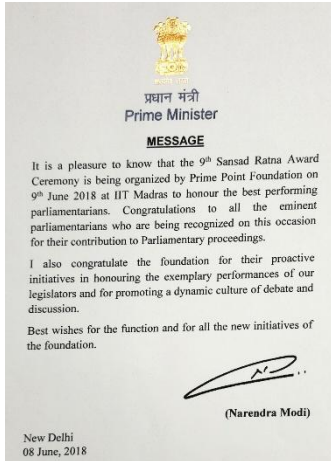
Sansad Ratna Awards was instituted in 2010 by Prime Point Foundation, on the suggestion of Dr APJ Abdul Kalam, who himself inaugurated the first Award event. Till 2025, 143 awards, including individual parliamentarians and parliamentary committees, have been presented in the 15 award events held so far since 2010. The Hon'ble President held a photo session with the Sansad Ratna Awardees of the 17th Lok Sabha in February 2024.



In February 2024, Priyadharshni Rahul, led the delegation of Award-Winning MPs of the 17th Lok Sabha to meet the Hon'ble Vice President, Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar. During this memorable occasion, she had the honour of briefing the Vice President about the vision, significance, and impact of the Sansad Ratna Awards.



## Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi conveyed his greetings to Prime Point Foundation and Sansad Ratna MPs in 2018 and 2023.



## **As an Advocate, Supreme Court of India**

A member of Supreme Court Bar Association, having her practise in Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, High Courts & Tribunals, is currently the Assistant Standing Counsel for NDMC (New Delhi Municipal Committee), Counsel for MDC (Municipal Corporation of Delhi) and Counsel for REPCO (Repatriates Cooperative and Finance and Development Bank).



Started her career from the chambers of Padma Shri Dr M.N. Krishna Mani, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court and former President of Supreme Court Bar Association for 4 consecutive times; she is groomed as a staunch advocate of India's rich culture, heritage and nationalist ideals and she continues to inspire with her unwavering dedication to our Nation's progress. Priyadarshini's expertise spans Criminal law, Service law, Constitutional law, PMLA, POCSO Act, service law, and Public interest litigation.

She has handled many sensitive cases including Honour Killing in Tamil Nadu, Representation of Other Backward Classes in Municipal Elections of Bihar, Western Ghats protection matters, protecting International religious societies and more.

Recently, she filed a **PIL in the Supreme Court demanding an exclusive Ministry for Senior Citizens of India** who are growing in numbers and not effectively recognised.

The matter was heard and the Court directed her to approach the appropriate Ministry/ Authorities through representations. This was widely reported in media, including wire agencies.

Thursday, January 21, 2025  
Dehradun

### Plea calls for creation of dedicated Ministry for senior citizens

Krishna Das Mahapatra  
New Delhi



The Supreme Court of India on Friday allowed a petitioner seeking the creation of a dedicated Ministry for senior citizens in the country to make a representation before the government.

A Bench headed by justice J.S. Khosla, who has reportedly said even judges were part of the senior citizen age group, told petitioner advocate G. Pradyuman, represented by senior advocate Gopal Ganesh Narasimham and advocate Rahul Shekhar Bhartiya, that the court cannot intervene to direct the Ministry.

Highlighting the necessity of a separate department of Ministry for the elderly, Mr. Sankar Pradyuman said India may have one of the largest ageing population in the world.

“It is imperative to have an exclusive Ministry/ exclusive department that can cater to the policies, schemes, financial assistance, health care require-

ments, pension, etc. This unprecedented rise in the ageing population, if not categorically handled by an exclusive Ministry/department, shall have detrimental implications in health, economy and in the societal structure at large,” the petition said.

It submitted that the India Aging Report 2023 shows over 40 million persons aged 60 years and above in India, comprising about 10.5% of the country's population.

The petitioner argued that senior citizens were a vulnerable class and came under the Constitutional purview of Article 21 (right to a dignified life).

## **Assisting National leaders with newer insights and analysis**

**Invited to discuss on WAQF Bill with the Hon'ble Chairman:**



Priyadharshni Rahul's intellectual commitment to national issues was highlighted when her insightful cover story on the 'International Aspects of Waqf Properties' in the eMagazine *PreSense* impressed Shri Jagadambika Pal, Hon'ble Chairman of the Joint Parliamentary Committee on the Waqf

Amendment Bill. Recognising its depth and relevance, he invited her to discuss her findings. Her dedication to informed policymaking underscores her role as a thought leader in India's legislative and policy advancements.

### **Advocating for 'One Nation, One Election'**



Priyadharshni Rahul has been a strong advocate of "Electoral Reforms" and 'One Nation – One Election". Even way back in 2020, she interviewed Dr Sudarsan Nachiappan (Chairman of the Parliamentary committee which recommended Simultaneous Elections) and Shri T S Krishnamurthy (Former Chief Election Commissioner of India) on these subjects for the eMagazine PreSense and for the YouTube Channel.

She had also personally discussed with then Chief Election Commissioner of India Shri Sushil Chandra on 'Electoral Reforms' and "Role of younger generation in politics".



Recently, she held a detailed discussion with Shri P P Chaudhary, Hon'ble Chairman of the JPC for One Nation; One Election and shared her contents with him.

## Voiced for Indians facing atrocities in Bangladesh



Delivered a stirring speech to a 40,000-strong crowd in Delhi on the atrocities faced by Hindu minorities in Bangladesh.



Also presented a memorandum to the High Commissioner of Bangladesh, on behalf of Delhi citizens.

## Involvement in Promoting NEP:



Priyadharshni Rahul recognised the transformative impact of the National Education Policy (NEP) and actively engaged civil society in its discourse. By organising two international seminars with leading education experts, she contributed detailed recommendations to the Government. Following the policy's announcement, she further demonstrated her commitment by hosting an online Conclave to highlight its key features, fostering national awareness and consensus in line with her vision of a self-reliant and empowered Bharat.

## Promoting democratic values and Government policies in the media

### Advocating Women's Reservation Bill



She is regularly participating in various regional and national channels to create awareness about the 33 percent reservation for women. She encourages more educated women to participate in politics and take the country forward.



She has also been promoting the concept of One Nation; One Election through various English and Regional Channels

### **Creating Awareness about Important Policies of the Government**

Through media and public speeches, Priyadharshni Rahul has been creating awareness about various important Government policies. She has discussed in support of (1) three new criminal laws, (2) the Role of Governors in the democratic system, (3) 33 percent reservation for women in Legislatures, (4) New Education Policy, (5) One Nation, One Election, (5) Importance of

Constitution Day, (6) New UGC guidelines for Higher Education and (7) Women Security (8) Waqf Amendment Bill and more.



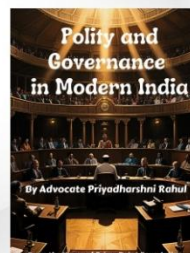
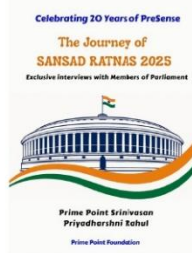
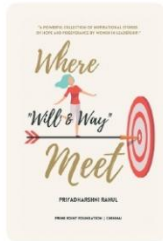
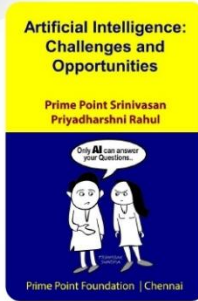
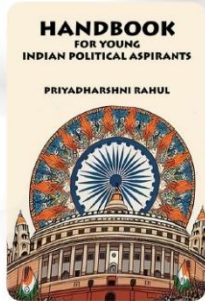




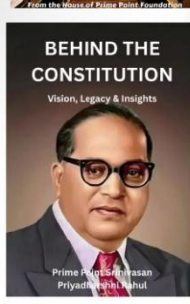
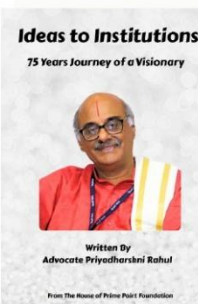
## Priyadharshni Rahul as an Author

Out of 55 books published by Prime Point Foundation as of August 2025, Priyadharshni has compiled 14 books based on the articles published in PreSense. She has authored 7 original books. She is currently writing her sixth book "Grooming Leaders for Generations" a handbook to groom young leaders with appropriately effective transition techniques that will promote organisational stability and acceptance of new leaderships.

## BOOKS AUTHORED BY PRIYADHARSHNI RAHUL



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All the books were released by Constitutional Authorities, Hon'ble Ministers, Hon'ble Members of Parliament, Senior Bureaucrats, etc in our events. These books are free for circulation and are available as eBooks in the site of Prime Point Foundation.



Hon'ble Union Parliamentary Affairs Minister Shri Kiren Rijju released the two books titled The Journey of Sansad Ratnas 2025 and Ideas to Institutions – 75 Years journey of a Visionary in July 2025 at Delhi. Shri Hansraj Ahir (Hon'ble Chairman of National Commission for Backward Classes) and Shri Bhartruhari Mahtab MP (Hon'ble Chairman of

Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance) received the copies.



The book “Juvenile Justice System in India,” authored by Priyadharshni Rahul, was released in August 2024 in Delhi by the Hon’ble MoS Education, Shri Sukanta Majumdar, and received by the Hon’ble MPs, Shri Bhartruhari Mahtab and Shri Anurag Thakur.



The book on 'Media Integrity in Digital Era' was released during the National Media Conference held at Mount Abu by Brahma



Kumaris by Shri Krishna Prasad Tenneti, Honble Member of Parliament.

The book on women empowerment titled "Where the Will and Way meet" was released by Shri Hansraj Ahir (Hon'ble Chairman, National Commission for Backward Classes), Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal (Hon'ble Law Minister), Shri Sushil Chandra (Hon'ble Chief Election Commissioner of India) and Dr Heena



Gavit (Hon'ble Member of Parliament) during Sansad Ratna event.

The book titled "Artificial Intelligence – Challenges and opportunities" was released by Shri Rajasekar, IFS officer, during the National Media Conference held at Brahmakumaris, Gurgaon



The book titled "Handbook for Indian Political aspirants" was released by Shri Hansraj Ahir (Hon'ble Chairman, NCBC), Dr Tamilisai Soundararajan (Hon'ble Governor of Telangana and Puducherry), Shri Ajay Mishra (Hon'ble MoS Home) in the presence of Hon'ble Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul (Former Judge, Supreme Court of India).

## **Priyadharshni Rahul as a public/motivational speaker**

### **Addressing NCC Cadets at Andaman**



The Directorate of NCC invited Priyadharshni Rahul to address the NCC cadets at Andaman and Nicobar Islands in 2023. She addressed the cadets on the theme "Once a Cadet, Always a Cadet"

## **Interacting with NCC Cadets at Jaipur**

Priyadharshini addressed NCC cadets at Gyan Vihar Suresh University-Jaipur on how the learnings of NCC nurture the best side of each student. She motivated the students to attend the NCC camps. The training may be challenging and tough, but all that it does is groom leaders for the future with integrity and national spirit.



## **Explaining Operation Sindoor to the public**

In June 2020, Priyadharshni Rahul was the only woman panellist amongst defence officers and specialists who discussed the facts and figures of Operation Sindoor. The event was held at D G Vaishnav College, Chennai and was hosted by a leading Tamil TV channel to create awareness among the public.



## Addressing a huge gathering at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi



In 2024, she addressed a massive group of women at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, in a seminar on women's empowerment inaugurated by the Hon'ble President of India and organised by Brahmakumaris, the spiritual organisation. The audience gave her speech a standing ovation.



## Addressing Students of Political Science in Madras Christian College, Chennai



## Interaction Session with Teachers and Students



She addressed the students of various schools on their role in making India a proud nation. Thousands of schoolchildren and hundreds of Teachers participated in Delhi. Many educational institutions are inviting her to address their teachers to motivate them. She is a motivational speaker too.



She addressed to motivate around 300 Teachers in Delhi on the “Power of Resilience”



Motivational speech to the students and Teachers at Andaman and Nicobar Islands on the 'Moral values and Ethical practices''

### **Interactive Session with NGOs on the new Criminal Laws**



She interacted with the representatives of 150 women NGOs to create awareness about the new Criminal Laws BNS and BNSS enacted by the Indian Parliament. This session was organised by the All-India Women Conference in Delhi.

### **Leadership Recognitions**

As a special invitee to the Commonwealth Youth Parliament, held at Vidhan sabha, New Delhi



India Book of Records (IBR) recognised her for her leadership qualities and contribution to society.





Public Relations Council of India (PRCI) honoured Priyadharshni Rahul with the “Visionary of the year Award”. The Hon’ble Chief Minister of Goa presented the Award.



Sri Sai Global Foundation, an International organisation honoured her with “Dr Abdul Kalam Award of Excellence”, through Zoom during COVID time. The Award was presented by Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, Mos in 2020.

## Addressing Global Community

### On an International Delegation, May 2023, Kuwait



Addressed Ambassadors of various countries in Kuwait in May 2023 on women empowerment and received a standing ovation for her insightful perspectives.

With Ambassadors across the globe





Priyadharshni Rahul addressed 1000 Indians at Kuwait on their role in making India a developed nation.

She was again invited in July 2023, to address Indian Community at Kuwait on the values and uniqueness of Dr APJ Abdul Kalam.



## **As a Special Delegate to Isreal in April 2024, during the War time**



On a Special Delegation to Israel arranged by the Israel Embassy in India. Represented India as part of an 8-member delegation to the Israeli Parliament, holding discussions with Members of Parliament to strengthen India-Israel ties.

She had an exclusive opportunity to explain the functioning of Parliamentary system of India and the similarity along with



cultural significance to the Member of Parliament, Isreal.

The Special delegation was taken to the War zone in Isreal.



## **Other Positions and Responsibilities**

**Editor, PreSense eMagazine:** Founded on Dr. Abdul Kalam's advice, PreSense is promoting positive journalism since March 2006 and has been honoured with the prestigious "Narada Award" by Rashtriya Swayam Sevak Sangh (RSS) and with 'Golden Triangle Award by the Spiritual organisation Brahmakumaris. As of January 2025, PreSense has published 215 digital-only monthly editions. In addition to this monthly eMagazine, as of January, 2025, Prime Point Foundation and PreSense have published 49 books for the benefit of youngsters and distributed them free.

**Founder and President, Next Gen Political Leaders (NGPL):** A platform to nurture young political leaders across party lines to strengthen India's democratic fabric. There have been many offline and online sessions conducted for the last 7 years, by eminent Constitutional authorities, Judges, Ministers, MPs, MLAs, Bureaucrats, etc to teach youngsters about political fabric, civic responsibilities, and joining politics.

## Programs under Next gen Political Leaders

Constitution Day and Women Empowerment for Political Leadership:



In response to the Prime Minister's call to celebrate November 26th as Constitution Day, Priyadharshni Rahul has been organising annual celebrations in Delhi for the past seven years. Her efforts reached a significant milestone on November 27th, 2024, with the 75th Constitution Day Celebration at the Constitution Club of India, hosted under the Prime Point Foundation banner. The event, attended by key leaders including the Honourable Law Minister and Members of

Parliament, celebrated the importance of the Constitution and inspired citizens to uphold its core values of justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity. During her welcome speech, Priyadharshni Rahul launched a new training program to empower women leaders, in light of the one-third reservation for women in legislatures.

### **International Hybrid workshop jointly with IIT Madras.**



NGPL organised an International Hybrid workshop for 7 days on the Indian Democracy and Parliamentary System, jointly with IIT Madras. It will shortly be conducting another programme exclusively for women political aspirants and leaders to prepare them for the one-third reservation that the Government passed.

### **Parliament visit to political aspirants**



Interactive session with Justice A K Patnaik, Former Judge Supreme Court on Fundamental Duties.

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## International Oratorical Competition on Constitution Day 2023



## **President, Digital Journalists Association of India (DiJAI):**



She advocates ethical digital journalism and conducts workshops to uphold the principles of truth and integrity in media. Conducted a Hackathon for college students to create an app for detecting fake news, jointly with Anna University, the largest technical University in India. Now organising online free workshops on “Fundamentals of AI and Crafting Prompts” to create awareness about AI. Formed an exclusive ‘AI Community’ under DiJAI banner for advanced learning.

## **Leadership in Young Age**

Priyadharshni is a graduate of Political Science from Madras Christian College, where she was elected as the Women's Convener of the College Union Society by a huge margin. She also holds an MSc in Psychology and an LLB and is currently pursuing a PhD in 'Women Empowerment and one third women reservation in Parliament and Legislatures'. Her academic and leadership background reflects her interest and intent to developing youth leadership, deeply rooted in Indian values and traditions.

## **Early Life and Patriotic Foundations**

From a young age, Priyadharshni Rahul exhibited a deep sense of nationalism and dedication to the service of the nation. As a school student, she excelled in the Bharat Scouts and Guides, earning the prestigious President's Award at the age of 15. At the age of 16, she earned the Silver International Award of the Duke of Edinburgh (Founded by Prince Philip, Husband of Queen Elizabeth).



Her commitment to India's unity and integration continued during her college years too, where she led the Tamil Nadu, Pondicherry, and Andaman NCC contingent at the Republic Day Parade, earning the Prime Minister's Gold Medal. She holds the NCC 'C' Certificate with an A Grade and was deputed as India's Youth Ambassador of India to the United Kingdom by the Government of India.



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