

# Sansad Awards

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**In news**– The Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated fellow Members of Parliament who will be conferred the Sansad Ratna Awards 2023.

## **About Sansad Ratna Awards-**

- The Sansad Ratna Awards were **instituted in 2010, inspired by the teachings of former President APJ Abdul Kalam, who launched the first edition** of the Award function in Chennai.
- They seek to recognise and felicitate the top-performing MPs on the basis of their work in the apex legislative body.
- So far, 90 Parliamentarians have been given this award. **The 13th edition of the award ceremony is set to be held March 25 2023 in New Delhi.**

## **Who chooses the winners and how?**

- Its jury committee comprises “eminent Parliamentarians and (members of) civil society”.
- It was chaired by Arjun Ram Meghwal (MoS, Parliamentary Affairs) and co-chaired by T S Krishnamurthy (Former Chief Election Commissioner of India).
- These nominations were based on an MP’s cumulative performance in Parliament, from the beginning of the 17th Lok Sabha until the end of Winter Session 2022.
- **Factors that the decision is based on include questions asked, private members’ Bills introduced,** debates initiated, attendance, funds utilised, etc.
- The performance data of the members have been sourced from information provided by PRS Legislative Research.

**Which is the organisation that instituted the Sansad Ratna Awards and runs the award function?**

- **The Sansad Ratna Awards are not given by the Government of India**, though over the years, its jury members have included individuals in the government.
- The awards were instead the brainchild of **K Srinivasan, a communication strategist who founded the Prime Point Foundation in 1999.**
- Started to “promote communication awareness”, it is this foundation which runs the awards show, alongside the foundation’s monthly eMagazine PreSense.
- **The awards were started with support from IIT Madras.**

## Sansad Awards winners-2023-

*Congratulations to all the*  
**Sansad Ratna Awardees -2023**

<b>Shri. Bidyut Baran Mahato</b> BJP, Jharkhand - Lok Sabha	<b>Dr. John Brittas</b> CPI-M, Kerala - Rajya Sabha
<b>Dr. Sukanta Majumdar</b> BJP, West Bengal - Lok Sabha	<b>Dr. Manoj Kumar Jha</b> RJD, Bihar - Rajya Sabha
<b>Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma</b> INC, Andaman Nicobar Islands - Lok Sabha	<b>Smt. Fauzia Tahseen Ahmed Khan</b> NCP, Maharashtra - Rajya Sabha
<b>Dr. Heena Vijayakumar Gavit</b> BJP, Maharashtra - Lok Sabha	<b>Shri. Vishambhar Prasad Nishad</b> Samajwadi Party, UP - Rajya Sabha
<b>Shri. Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury</b> INC, West Bengal - Lok Sabha	<b>Smt. Chhaya Verma</b> INC, Chhattisgarh - Rajya Sabha
<b>Shri. Gopal Chinayya Shetty</b> BJP, Maharashtra - Lok Sabha	<b>Standing Committee Awardees</b>
<b>Shri. Sudhir Gupta</b> BJP, Madhya Pradesh - Lok Sabha	<b>The Finance Committee from Lok Sabha</b> <b>Chairman – Shri Jayant Sinha</b> BJP, Jharkhand
<b>Dr. Amol Ramsing Kolhe</b> NCP, Maharashtra - Lok Sabha	<b>Transport, Tourism and Culture Committee from Rajya Sabha</b> <b>Chairman – Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy</b> YSR Congress, Andhra Pradesh
	<b>Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Lifetime Achievement Award</b> <b>Shri T K Rangarajan</b> Former Rajya Sabha MP and Senior CPIM Leader

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