

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

<p>Shri. Bidyut Baran Mahato BJP, Jharkhand - Lok Sabha</p> <p>Dr. Sukanta Majumdar BJP, West Bengal - Lok Sabha</p> <p>Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma INC, Andaman Nicobar Islands - Lok Sabha</p> <p>Dr. Heena Vijayakumar Gavit BJP, Maharashtra - Lok Sabha</p> <p>Shri. Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury INC, West Bengal - Lok Sabha</p> <p>Shri. Gopal Chinayya Shetty BJP, Maharashtra - Lok Sabha</p> <p>Shri. Sudhir Gupta BJP, Madhya Pradesh - Lok Sabha</p> <p>Dr. Amol Ramsing Kolhe NCP, Maharashtra - Lok Sabha</p>	<p>Dr. John Brittas CPI-M, Kerala - Rajya Sabha</p> <p>Dr. Manoj Kumar Jha RJD, Bihar - Rajya Sabha</p> <p>Smt. Fauzia Tahseen Ahmed Khan NCP, Maharashtra - Rajya Sabha</p> <p>Shri. Vishambhar Prasad Nishad Samajwadi Party, UP - Rajya Sabha</p> <p>Smt. Chhaya Verma INC, Chhattisgarh - Rajya Sabha</p>
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Standing Committee Awardees

The Finance Committee from Lok Sabha
Chairman – Shri Jayant Sinha
BJP, Jharkhand

Transport, Tourism and Culture Committee from Rajya Sabha
Chairman – Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy
YSR Congress, Andhra Pradesh

Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Lifetime Achievement Award

Shri T K Rangarajan
Former Rajya Sabha MP and Senior CPIM Leader



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