

4. STATE AWARDS FOR SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS

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With a view to recognize and reward Scientific and Technological talent in the State, the Government of Karnataka has instituted several awards in the name of Sir M. Visvesvaraya, Dr. Raja Ramanna, Sir C. V. Raman, Prof. Satish Dhawan and Dr. Kalpana Chawla. These awards are being given every year since 1996. The Karnataka State Council for Science and Technology (KSCST) has been entrusted with the responsibility of operationalisation of these awards.







To select the eligible Scientists and Engineers for these awards the Government constituted a selection committee under the Chairmanship of Bharat Ratna Professor C.N.R. Rao vide GO No. VUE 236 Vitrama 2014 dated 09/01/2015.







KSCST had invited the nominations for the Scientists and Engineers State Awards year 2015 and 2016 during April 2016 through advertisement in regional /National newspapers and also circulation of information brochure to various institutions as followed in the previous years.

The Council has received total 167 nominations from various institutions in all the fields the details are as follows. Selection committee met under the Chairmanship of Prof C N R Rao and recommended 12 eminent Scientists and Engineers for the State Awards for the years 2015 and 2016. On behalf of the Department of IT, BT & Science and Technology, Government of Karnataka, KSCST has organized the awards presentation function on 12th April 2017 at 5.00 pm at J N Tata Auditorium, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore. Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Siddaramaiah presented the awards to the eminent Scientists and Engineers, Bharat Ratna Prof. C N R Rao FRS, Honorary President JNCASR was the Chief Guest and Prof. Anurag Kumar, Director, Indian Institute of Science was the Guest of Honor in the awards presentation function. More than 700 dignitaries attended the function.



Recipients of Scientist and Engineer State Awards for the years 2015 and 2016

Field	<i>Sir M. Visvesvaraya Awardee</i>		
<i>Science and Technology</i>	Prof. M. K. Surappa Dean, Indian Institute of Science, and Founder Director, IIT, Ropar. Bangalore 560012.		
<i>Science and Technology</i>	Dr. P. Satishchandra Senior Professor, Department of Neurology Former Director / Vice Chancellor, NIMHANS, Hosur Road, Bangalore 560029		
	<i>Dr. Raja Ramanna Awardee</i>		
<i>Science Education</i>	Dr. Hemalatha Balaram Professor, Molecular Biology and Genetics Unit and Dean, Faculty Affairs, Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research, Jakkur P.O., Bangalore 560064.		
<i>Science Education</i>	Dr. Siddapura Ramachandrappa Niranjana Vice Chancellor, Gulbarga University, Jnana Ganga, Kalaburagi-585106.		
	<i>Sir C V Raman Awardee</i>		
<i>Physical Sciences & Mathematics</i>	Dr. Gurusurthy Hegde, BMS R and D Centre, BMS College of Engineering, Bull Temple Road, Bengaluru, 560019		
<i>Chemical Sciences</i>	Dr. K. Mantelingu Department of Studies in Chemistry, Manasagangotri, University of Mysore, Mysuru-06		

<i>Medical Sciences</i>	Dr. Suresh Bada Math Professor of Psychiatry, Dept. of Psychiatry, NIMHANS, Bangalore-560029.	
<i>Life Sciences</i>	Dr. Ganesh Nagaraju Associate Professor Dept. of Biochemistry Indian Institute of Science Bangalore-560012	
<i>Agriculture Sciences & Animal Husbandry</i>	Dr. Raghavendra Bhatta Director ICAR- NIANP National Institute of Animal Nutrition and Physiology, Adugodi, Bangalore 560 030	
<i>Prof. Satish Dhawan Awardee</i>		
<i>Engineering Sciences</i>	Dr. Sunilkumar S. Manvi Principal Reva Institute of Technology and Management, Rukmini Knowledge Park, Kattigenhalli, Yelahanka, Bangalore - 560064	
<i>Dr. Kalpana Chawla Awardee</i>		
<i>Science and Technology</i>	Dr. T. Sharmila Department of Microbiology and Biotechnology, Jnanabharathi Campus, Bangalore University, Bangalore- 560056	
<i>Science and Technology</i>	Dr. Shailaja S.Patil Professor, Department of Community Medicine, BLDE University Shri B M Patil Medical College, Hospital & Research Centre, Vijayapur-586103.	

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various institutions as followed in the previous years. The Council has received total 175 nominations from various institutions in all the fields.

Details of nominations received for the award year 2017

Name of the Award	Total Nominations	No of Awards
Sir M Visvesvaraya Award	37	2
Dr. Raja Ramanna Award	49	1
Prof. Satish Dhawan Award	18	4
Dr. Kalpana Chawla Award	15	2
Sir C V Raman Award Physical Sc (10) Chemical Sc (12) Medical Sc (07) Life Sc (13) Agriculture Sc (15)	56	5
Total Nominations	176	13

Preliminary examination and tabulation of the nominations has been completed and this will be circulated to all the members of the selection committee. KSCST is planning to convene the selection committee meeting under the chairmanship of Prof. C N R Rao during January-February 2018 and organize the award presentation function during February-March 2018.