

STATE AWARDS FOR SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS

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The State of Karnataka with a view to recognize and reward Scientific and Technological talent in the State, has instituted several awards to the Scientists and Engineers of the State who have made significant contribution towards the development of the State in various fields of Science and Technology. These awards are being given every year since 1996 in the name of Sir M Visvesvaraya, Sir C V Raman, Dr. Raja Ramanna, Prof. Satish Dhawan and Dr. Kalpana Chawla.

The Government of Karnataka constituted a high-level committee under the Chairmanship of Bharath Ratna Prof. C.N.R. Rao to select eligible Scientists & Engineers for these awards. Karnataka State Council for Science and Technology (KSCST) has been entrusted with the responsibility of coordinating this prestigious task of overseeing this programme.

KSCST invited nominations through advertisements in the state edition of leading national newspapers and by circulating information brochure to all the Universities and other Academic R&D Institutions in Karnataka for the State Awards for the year 2018 during October 2018. In response, the KSCST received a total of 208 nominations for these awards in various fields. The details are as follows.

Release of Advertisement in the Newspapers	Prajavani	30.09.2018
	Udayavani	03.10.2018
	Vijaya Karnataka	05.10.2018
	The Times of India	30.09.2018
	The Hindu	03.10.2018
	Deccan Herald	05.10.2018
Publicity through other media	Press note released in all news papers	
Letters & printed information brochure	About 800 printed information brochure sent to various institutions / organizations	
Last date for receipt of Nominations	16 th November 2018	

A total of 206 nominations have been received and the details are as follows.

- Sir M. Visvesvaraya Award 32
- Dr. Raja Ramanna Award 53
- Sir C V Raman Award 69
- Prof. Satish Dhawan Award 32
- Dr. Kalpana Chawla Award 20

Selection Committee met under the Chairmanship of Prof C N R Rao and recommended 13 Scientists and Engineers to receive the awards for the year 2018. KSCST organized the awards presentation function on 22nd October 2019 at 4.00 PM at J N Tata Auditorium, Indian Institute of Science campus, Bengaluru.

Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri B S Yediyurappa, presented the State Awards to the eminent Scientists and Engineers. Bharat Ratna Prof. C N R Rao, the Chief Guest and Prof. Rahul Pandit, Acting Director, Indian Institute of Science is the guest of honor. Dr. C N Ashwath Narayan, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Government of Karnataka, (Minister for IT, BT, Science & Technology, Higher Education and Medical Education) presided over the function. More than 700 dignitaries, friends and relatives of the awardees participated.



Award presentation ceremony

List of recipients of State Awards for the year 2018

Sir M. Visvesvaraya Senior Scientists State Award 2018	
<i>Science and Technology</i>	Dr. C. N. Manjunath
<i>Science and Technology</i>	Prof. S. Ramasesha
Dr. Raja Ramanna State Award 2018	
<i>Science Education</i>	Prof. G.U. Kulkarni
<i>Science Education</i>	Dr. Pratima Murthy
Sir C V Raman Young Scientists State Award 2018	
<i>Physical Sciences</i>	Dr. Annapurni Subramaniam
<i>Chemical Sciences</i>	Dr. Ranjani Viswanatha
<i>Life Sciences</i>	Dr. M.M. Srinivasa Bharath
<i>Agriculture Sciences & Animal Husbandry</i>	Dr. Padubidri V. Shivaprasad
Prof. Satish Dhawan Young Engineers State Award 2018	
<i>Engineering Sciences</i>	Dr. Shayan Srinivasa Garani
<i>Engineering Sciences</i>	Dr. C D Madhusoodana
<i>Engineering Sciences</i>	Prof. Pramod Kumar
<i>Engineering Sciences</i>	Dr Amitabh Saraf
Dr. Kalpana Chawla Young Women Scientist Award 2018	
<i>Science and Technology</i>	Prof. Gayathri Devaraja