

# KARNATAKA TO INSTITUTE BEST LEGISLATOR AWARD

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On the lines of best parliamentarian award being given in Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha annually, Karnataka will have the best legislator award for members of the Legislative Assembly from this year.

Annually, one legislator will be selected for the award. The legislator will receive a certificate and a silver medal carrying the insignia of Vidhana Soudha. The best legislator will be selected by a six-member committee headed by the Speaker, and having Deputy Speaker, Chief Minister, Leader of the Opposition, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister, and one member nominated by the Speaker as members. This year, senior member and Congress MLA R.V. Deshpande has been nominated by Speaker Vishweshwar Hegde Kageri.

## Criteria

A Member of the Legislative Assembly will be considered for the best legislator award based on his/her contribution to the constituency, experience in working as a legislator, skills shown during the debates in the House, interest shown on issues of public interest, issues raised in the House, knowledge of Kannada, confirming to the rules both inside and outside the House, behaviour with fellow legislators, among other criteria.

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