



**STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, MAHARASHTRA**

Cordially invites you to the

Conferment of

# **1<sup>ST</sup> DEMOCRACY AWARDS**

*(for elections to the Local Self Governments)*

at the Hands of

**Shri M.Venkaiah Naidu**

Hon'ble Vice President of India

In the Presence of

**Shri. Devendra Fadnavis**

Hon'ble Chief Minister of  
Maharashtra

**Shri. J. S. Saharia**

State Election Commissioner,  
Maharashtra

**On Saturday, July 27, 2019 at 10.00 hrs.**

**Hotel ITC Maratha, Sahar, Mumbai**



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**Shri. Prem Kanjani**

**Niti Aayog**



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# DEMOCRACY AWARDS

73<sup>rd</sup> & 74<sup>th</sup> Amendments to the Constitution of India (1992) have been globally lauded as a major step towards providing the Local Self-Governments (LSGs) their rightful place in Nation building. State Election Commission, Maharashtra (SECM) was established in 1994, following the above Amendments which returns more than 2,50,000 local representatives in 28663 LSGs every 5 years in a free, fair and transparent manner.

Research & Conferences conducted by SECM during 2017-19 while celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the above Amendments have brought the following concerns & challenges to the fore:

- (i) Secondary treatment to LSGs & their elections by some stakeholders; and
- (ii) Inadequate recognition to various players for their hard work in these elections which are voluminous, complex & fiercely contested.

State Election Commission, Maharashtra accordingly intends to recognize the efforts of various players periodically through "Democracy Awards".

We feel privileged that the 1<sup>st</sup> "Democracy Awards" are being conferred at the hands of Shri. Venkaiah Naidu, Hon'ble Vice President of India.

This is a humble way of celebrating 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of the Father of Nation – Mahatma Gandhi – who was a great proponent of "self-rule".

Let us all join hands to preserve, protect and promote our Democracy.

**Shri. Kiran Kurundkar**

*Secretary, State Election Commission,  
Maharashtra*

## Instructions:

- This invitation card is non-transferable & admits one person
- Kindly bring the invitation card in original along with the cover, identity proof and be seated by 9.30 a.m.
- Items such as brief case/hand bag/ any kind of arms/ cameras etc. will not be permitted
- Kindly switch off Mobile Phones
- Kindly do not leave till the Chief Guest departs
- Kindly confirm your participation by 22nd July 2019

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