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Mr. Uttam Shankar Pawaskar
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Eighth SMART Journal Annual Award Function was held along with the Inaugural Function of the International Seminar on 7th January 2017 at A/C Auditorium, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli.

Dr. M. Selvam, Seminar Director welcomed the gathering. He explained the selection process of SMART Journal Awards and the importance of recognizing the academicians with awards.

Dr. Victor Louis Anthuvan, Loyola Institute of Business Administration, Chennai conferred SMART Journal Awards to the seven eminent personalities. He stated that the non-monetary recognition like Awards recognizes the extraordinary academic work done by the awardees.

Prof. V. Gopal from Indian Institute of Management, Tiruchirappalli was conferred with SMART Journal Distinguished Life Time Achievement Award for his outstanding achievements in the field of Commerce and Management. Professor V.Gopal completed more than 25 years of rich academic and teaching experience. He was the first coordinator of training programmes in IIM Trichy. He is an expert in Management for the new private B-Schools. His industrial experience includes independent director on the board of Shipping Corporation of India and the Small Industries Development Corporation of Tamilnadu Limited.

SMART Journal Distinguished Life Time Achievement Award for their outstanding achievements in the field of Commerce and Management was conferred on Prof. S. Iyyampillai, Senior Professor, Bharathidasan University. Professor S.Iyyampillai has earned more than 30 years of rich academic and teaching experience. He has published more than 85 research articles in refereed journals and authored 4 books. He consulted more than 10 research projects sponsored by National Bodies.

Dr. M. B. M. Ismail, Faculty of Management and Commerce, South Eastern University of Sri Lanka was conferred with SMART Journal Young Management Scientist Award for his contributions in the area of research in the field of Commerce and Management. He has completed more than 15 years of teaching and research experience. He has published 36 articles in various Referred & Non- Referred Journals and presented papers in 48 National and International conferences.

SMART Journal Young Management Scientist Award was conferred to Dr. K. Kanaka Raju, Assistant Professor, Department of Management Studies, Andhra University. He has more than 10 years of teaching and research experience. He has published more than 40 articles in various Referred & Non- Referred Journals and presented papers in many National and International conferences. He has authored 7 books related to Financial Management, Risk Management, and Investment Management.

The research paper of Mr. Uttam Shankar Pawaskar, I.T.M University, Raipur and Dr. Rakesh Raut, Assistant Professor, NITIE, Mumbai published in the SMART Journal in the year 2016, has been selected for the SMART Journal Best Paper Award.
SMART Journal BDU Com Distinguished Alumni Award was conferred to Prof. J. Clement Sudhahar, Professor and Head, School of Business, Karunya University for his contributions in the development of the department and for his academic achievements. He completed his doctorate in the Department of Commerce and Financial Studies. Dr. J.Clement Sudhahar has published more than 60 articles in various Referred & Non- Referred Journals and presented many papers in National and International conferences.

The awardees were given standing ovation while conferring awards. Dr. SankaranVenkateswar, Dr. Satya P. Chattopadhyay and Dr.S.Sekar, Syndicate Member, offered felicitations to the awardees. The awardees delivered the acceptance speech.