

# Sakshi Excellence Awards 2018

## CATEGORY: TELUGU PERSON OF THE YEAR

Name of the Winner: MS. MITHALI RAJ

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Age: 37 Years

## PROFILE:

20 years of International cricket for an Indian woman ! Can you believe this..

But our own Mithali Raj made it happen. She played her 1st One day International on June 26, 1999 and after 20 years she is still going strong. Forget about match fees, there was no basic DA and TA during her early career. But she played with the same passion and succeeded throughout her long career. Born in Jodhpur (Rajasthan), where her father Dorai Raj was working in Indian Air Force, Mithali grew up and excelled in cricket in Secunderabad area. At 19, she emerged as one of India's most capable player with a staggering 214 against England in the second and final Test at Taunton. She has emerged as one of India's most dependable bats, scoring heavily in both One-dayers and Tests. Her composure when at the crease and ability to score briskly make her a dangerous combination. In addition to her ability with the bat, Raj rolls her arm over bowling leg-spinners and provides variety to any attack. Raj has grabbed every opportunity she has been presented with and has impressed every single time. Coming to the wicket at times when batting is difficult, Mithali has shown her ability to soldier on without being perturbed. In August 2006 Mithali Raj led the side to their first-ever Test and series victory in England and wrapped up the year winning the Asia Cup - the second time in 12 months without dropping a single game. She became the Youngest Captain for India in ODI's (21 years of 94 days).

## ACHIEVEMENTS CURRENT RECORDS

- Highest run getter in woman's one day internationals – 6720 runs
- Most no. of One Day matches – 203
- Most One Day matches as captain – 126
- Longest career as International player (20 years +)

## CAREER PROFILE

- 203 ODI matches, 6720 runs with average of 51.29.
- 10 test matches, 663 runs with 51.00 Average
- 89 T20 International matches, 2364 runs with average of 37.52.
- Mithali Raj led India Team in 2 ODI World Cup Finals in 2005 and 2017 (both the times team India emerged as the runner up)