



Baijayant 'Jay' Panda

Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha)
Kendrapara, Odisha



BRIEF PROFILE

Baijayant 'Jay' Panda is currently serving his second term as a Member of Parliament in Lok Sabha, the lower house of the Indian Parliament. Previously, he has also served two terms in Rajya Sabha, the upper house of the Indian Parliament.

After finishing his education in engineering and management, he had started his career in the corporate sector. During this time, he was actively involved in industry organisations like the Confederation of Indian Industry, the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry, and the International Chromium Development Association. The transition to full-fledged public life came as a result of his desire to see a new and efficient style of politics and governance in India.

As a parliamentarian, he has been recognised for his many contributions. In 2008, he was given an award for best parliamentary practices by the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India. He has not only served as a member of several important committees, such as the parliamentary standing committees on Home Affairs, Finance, Energy and Urban Development, but also chairs the India-USA Forum of Parliamentarians. Within Parliament and outside, he has championed causes such as fighting the chronic malnutrition in India and tackling the human and social costs of tobacco consumption.

A frequent presence in national television discussions and op-ed column sheets, he enjoys flying and adventure sports like skydiving and bungee jumping.