



Ramon Magsaysay Award 2025

Why in News?

An Indian [non-profit organisation](#), '**Foundation to Educate Girls Globally**', dedicated to mobilising community and government resources for girls' education in rural and educationally disadvantaged areas of India, has been named a **2025 Ramon Magsaysay Awardee**.

- The other 2025 awardees include **Shaahina Ali** from the Maldives for her environmental work and **Flaviano Antonio L Villanueva** from the Philippines for his efforts to uplift the poor and marginalised.



Foundation to Educate Girls Globally

- **About: Educate Girls**, also known as the **Foundation to Educate Girls Globally**, was founded in 2007 by Safeena Husain.
 - It is the **first Indian organization** to receive the prestigious award, Asia's equivalent of the [Nobel Prize](#).
- **Objective:** The organization **started in Rajasthan**, focusing on addressing **female illiteracy** by bringing unschooled girls into classrooms and supporting them until they gained credentials for higher education and employment.
- **Mission:** The core mission, "**one girl at a time**," is based on **grassroots efforts, community mobilization**, and partnerships to overcome barriers like [poverty](#) and household chores while fostering societal change in valuing girls' education.
- **Initiatives:** In 2015, Educate Girls launched the **world's first Development Impact Bond (DIB)** in education, linking financial aid to measurable outcomes, benefiting over 2 million girls across 30,000 villages.

- The organization introduced **Pragati**, an open-schooling program for young women aged 15–29, expanding from 300 to over 31,500 participants, helping them complete their education.

Ramon Magsaysay Award

- **About:** The Ramon Magsaysay Award, **established in 1958**, honors individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to **human development** in Asia and globally, addressing complex societal issues.
- Awardees are selected annually by the **Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation (RMAF)** and receive a medallion, certificate, and cash prize.
 - The 67th Ramon Magsaysay Award ceremony is scheduled for 7th November 2025 at the Metropolitan Theatre in Manila.
- **Objective:** The Award was created to recognize selfless service and the greatness of spirit, irrespective of race, gender, or religion, and celebrates transformative leadership and courage in Asia.
- **Categories:** From 1958 to 2008, the Award was given in **six categories:** Government Service, Public Service, Community Leadership, Journalism, Literature & Creative Communication Arts, Peace & International Understanding, and Emergent Leadership (for individuals under 40).
 - Since 2009, the Award no longer follows fixed categories, except for Emergent Leadership, which continues with support from the **Ford Foundation**.

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