

Ramon Magsaysay Award 2019

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It was established in 1957 by trustees of New York City based Rockefeller Brothers Fund and Philippines government.

- The award is named after the third president of Philippines Ramon Magsaysay.
- It is awarded annually to individuals or organizations from Asia region for their selfless and philanthropic service.
- The award is internationally-recognized as the Nobel Prize and is the highest award given to Asian individuals and organization
- It carries Medallion bearing likeness of the late president Ramon Magsaysay, cash prize and a certificate.

This Ramon Magsaysay Award was given under following categories:

- Outstanding contributions in Government Service
- Public Service
- Community Leadership
- Journalism
- Literature and Creative Communication Arts
- Peace and International Understanding and Emergent Leadership.

History of Ramon Magsaysay Award:

In 1958 Ramon Magsaysay Award was given for the first time. First Indian who won this award – Acharya Vinoba Bhave for community leadership

Two Indians, who awarded among the six winners of the prestigious Ramon Magsaysay Award for the year 2018 are:

Dr. Bharat Vatwani	For Restoring health and dignity to troubled lives
SonamWangchuk	For Harnessing nature, culture and education for community progress.

Last year in 2019, Indian Journalist **Ravish Kumar**, NDTV has won the prestigious Ramon Magsaysay Award 2019.

The four other to win The Ramon Magsaysay Award in 2019

KoSwe Win	Journalist from Myanmar for Building the quality and force of media's truth telling.
Angkhana Neelapaijit	Human rights Activist from Thailand
Raymundo Pujante Cayabyab	Musician from Philippines for nurturing gift and unifying power of music

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Kim Jong-Ki

Activist working with violence and mental health issues in youth from South Korea.

About Ravishkumar:

- Kumar, born in Jitwarpur village in Bihar, joined New Delhi Television Network (NDTV) in 1996 and worked his way up from being a field reporter.
- He is Managing Director of NDTV India.
- Author of the book "The Free Voice – On Democracy, Culture and The Nation".
- He is among five individuals who were declared winners of the award and highest honour and celebrates greatness of spirit and transformative leadership in Asia.
- Awarded Ramon Magsaysay Award for 'Prime Time' programme deals with real-life, under-reported problems of ordinary people.

List of Awards received by Ravishkumar:

- Ganesh Shankar Vidyarthi Award – Hindi Journalism and creative Literature for 2010
- Ramnath Goenka Excellence in Journalism Award – Journalist of the Year in 2013 and 2017 for the broadcast category in Hindi language.
- Best journalist of the year in 2016 by Mumbai Press Club.
- First Kuldip Nayar journalism award – contribution to the field of journalism- 2017.

Some other Indians who won Ramon Magsaysay Award Previously:

- Political Background- Arvind Kejriwal (2006) for Emerging Leadership
- Government officials for Government service category – C D Desmukh (1959), Kiran Bedi (1994), TN Sheshan (1996)
- Musician- Pandit Ravishankar (1992), MS Subbulaxmi (1974)
- Public Service- Jaya Prakash Narayan (1965)
- Community Leadership- Aruna Roy (2000)