



## Ramon Magsaysay Award 2019

Indian journalist Ravish Kumar has been awarded the 2019 Ramon Magsaysay Award for **“harnessing journalism to give voice to the voiceless”**.

- The other winners of the award are:
  - Myanmar’s Ko Swe Win- Journalist;
  - Thailand’s Angkhana Neelapajit- Human Rights Activist;
  - Philippines’ Raymundo Pujante Cayabyab- Musician; and
  - South Korea’s Kim Jong-Ki- Activist working with violence and mental health issues in youth.
- [Last year \(2018\)](#), Sonam Wangchuk (an educational reformer from Ladakh) and Bharat Vatwani (a psychiatrist who works for mentally ill street persons in Mumbai) were among the winners of the award.

### Ramon Magsaysay Award

- The Ramon Magsaysay Award was established in 1957 and is considered as **Asia’s premier prize and highest honour**.
- It is named after **Ramon Magsaysay, the third president of the Republic of the Philippines**.
- Till 2009 awards have traditionally been given in five categories: government service; public service; community leadership; journalism, literature, and creative communication arts; and peace and international understanding.
- However, post 2009, the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation annually selects the awardees for the **field of Emergent Leadership**. Awardees are presented with a certificate, a medallion with an embossed image of Ramon Magsaysay and cash prize.
- The award is internationally-recognized as the **Nobel Prize counterpart of Asia** and is the highest award given to Asian **individuals and organizations**.

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