



R. Ravi Kannan Wins Ramon Magsaysay Award 2023

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Why in News?

Recently, Surgical oncologist **Padma Shri Dr R. Ravi Kannan**, Director of the Cachar Cancer Hospital and Research Centre (CCHRC) in Assam, received the **prestigious Ramon [Magsaysay Award](#) for 2023**.

- He won the award for revolutionising the treatment of cancer in Assam through his people-centered and pro-poor programmes (**offering free treatment, food, lodging, and employment for caregivers**).

What are the Key Facts About the Ramon Magsaysay Award?

▪ About:

- Established in 1957 as **Asia's highest honour and premier prize**.
- It celebrates **individuals who demonstrate exceptional spirit in serving the people of Asia, regardless of their background**.
- The award is presented annually on **August 31st**, which coincides with the birthday of **Ramon Magsaysay, the third president of the Republic of the Philippines**, who inspired its creation.
- Awardees are presented with a certificate, a medallion with an embossed image of Ramon Magsaysay and a cash prize.
- The award is internationally recognised as the **[Nobel Prize](#)** counterpart of Asia.

▪ Categories of Recognition:

- The award initially featured six categories, including "Government Service", "Public Service", "Community Leadership", "Journalism, Literature, and Creative Communication Arts", "Peace and International Understanding", and "Emergent Leadership".
- However, post-2009, the **Ramon Magsaysay Award is no longer being given in fixed Award categories, except for Emergent Leadership**.

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