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Avalon Alumni Impact

Many congratulations to [Educate Girls](#) on becoming the first Indian non-profit organisation to receive the prestigious [Ramon Magsaysay Award 2025](#), often referred to as Asia's Nobel Prize. This award, Asia's premier prize and highest honour, recognizes greatness of spirit shown in selfless service to the people of Asia.

The recognition celebrates [Educate Girls](#)' transformative efforts in empowering out-of-school girls in rural India, breaking cycles of poverty and gender inequality through education. Founded in 2007 by social activist Safeena Husain, the organisation has enrolled more than 2 million girls across over 30,000 villages.

At the helm of this extraordinary journey is Gayatri Nair Lobo, an **Avalon Consulting** alumna (2003-2009). As CEO, she is steering Educate Girls' bold new strategy – a decade-long mission to enable 10 million learners to unlock their right to education, agency, and opportunity.

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Semiconductors have emerged as the fourth most traded product globally following crude oil, refined petroleum, and automobiles with global sales reaching USD 630 billion in 2024. As a core component of modern electronics and industrial applications, semiconductors are now central to national strategies, with economies worldwide seeking greater control and autonomy in this strategic sector.

Bhasker Canagaradjou,
Executive Vice President Business Research

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“This award is a testament to the belief that when a girl is educated, she transforms not just her life but the lives of generations to come. It reminds us that the challenges facing girls' education are vast, but so is the potential that lies in unlocking it. We dedicate this award to the girls who continue to fight for their right to education, to the communities that walk beside us, and to everyone who believes that educating girls is the surest path to a just and thriving world.”

Gayatri Nair Lobo,
CEO, Educate Girls



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