

Grihshobha Inspire Awards 2025 Honours Trailblazing Women Leaders

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The [Grihshobha Inspire Awards 2025](#), held on 20th March at Travancore Palace, New Delhi, celebrated extraordinary women who have created a lasting impact in their fields.

The event honoured fearless pioneers, changemakers, and achievers in fields such as folk arts, governance, public policy, social impact, business, STEM, automotive, and entertainment. The awards recognized those who have redefined leadership and broken barriers in their respective domains.



KK Shailja – (Timeless Icon award), being given by Subhashini Ali and Paresh Nath

A standout moment of the evening was the recognition of **Ms. K.K. Shailaja**, former **Kerala Health Minister**, for her transformative leadership in public health and governance.

Among the most celebrated honourees, the legendary **Ms. Shabana Azmi** was honoured as **Empowerment through Entertainment – Icon** for her contributions to cinema and portrayal of strong and complex characters, and her advocacy for social change. **Dr. Soumya Swaminathan** received the **Nation Builder – Icon** award for her pioneering leadership in public health and scientific research. **Ms. Suparna Mitra**, CEO of Titan Watches, was recognized as **Business Leadership – Icon**, setting new benchmarks in corporate leadership.

Other distinguished awardees included **Ms. Manjari Jaruhar**, honoured as **Fearless Warrior – Icon** for her trailblazing career in policing. **Ms. Ruma Devi**, a grassroots leader empowering rural artisans, received the **Grassroots Changemaker – Icon** award, while **Ms. Amla Ruia** was recognized as **Grassroots**

Changemaker – Achiever for her pioneering work in water conservation. **Ms. Viji Venkatesh** was named **New Beginnings – Icon** for her advocacy in cancer care.

In the business world, **Ms. Tage Rita Takhe**, Indias first Kiwi winemaker, received **Business Leadership – Achiever**, while **Ms. Aditi Gupta**, founder of Menstrupedia, was awarded **Homepreneur – Achiever**.



Dr. Soumya Swaminathan (National Builder- Icon), being awarded by **Indira Jaisingh**

Ms. Kripa Ananthan was celebrated as **Changemaker – Automotive Industry**, and **Ms. Kiruba Munusamy** was named **Social Impact – Achiever** for her legal activism. **Dr. Menaka Guruswamy & Ms. Arundhati Katju** jointly received **Social Impact – Changemaker** for their historic legal battles for gender equality and rights of LGBTQ community.

For her contributions to preserving folk arts, **Dr. Rani Jha** was awarded **Folk Heritage – Icon**. **Dr. Bushra Ateeq** was honoured for **Excellence in STEM**.

In entertainment and digital influence, **Ms. Tillotama Shome** and **Ms. Konkona Sen** were honoured for **Empowerment through Entertainment – Onscreen and Offscreen**, respectively. **Ms. Leeza Mangaldas** was awarded for her excellence as **Content Creator – Empowerment**, **Ms. Shruti Seth** for **Content Creator – Parenting**, and **Dr. Tanaya Narendra** for **Content Creator – Health**.

Guests of Honor

The awards were presented by Ms. Aruna Roy, RTI activist; Ms. Indira Jaisingh, senior advocate; Ms. Shovana Narayan, renowned Kathak dancer; and Ms. Subhashini Ali, women's rights activist & politician. These distinguished guests celebrated the winners' achievements and contributions with their words of encouragement.

Jury Panel

The awards were judged by a prestigious jury panel of distinguished and respected women, including Ms. Sathya Saran, writer and former editor of Femina; Ms. Padmapriya Janakiraman, popular Actor, Ms. Richa Shah, editor of Champak; Ms. Nuriya Ansari, President, Learning Links Foundation; Ms. Dilshad Master, Director, Outward Bound Himalaya; and Ms. Surabhi Kanga, web editor, the Caravan.

Speaking at the event, **Mr. Paresh Nath, Editor-in-Chief and Publisher of Delhi Press**, stated, *"The Grihshobha Inspire Awards is a tribute to those who refuse to settle for the ordinary, who use creativity and courage to challenge norms and shape the future. In a world overwhelmed by noise, these awardees remind us that true leadership lies in the quiet yet transformative impact of those who dare to speak truth to power and lead with integrity."*

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