

Aruna Roy

Magsaysay Awardwinner



Aruna Roy (born 26 May 1946) is an Indian political and social activist who founded and heads the Mazdoor Kisan Shakti Sangathan (“Workers and Peasants Strength Union”). Aruna Roy is best known as a prominent leader of the Right to Information movement, which led to the enactment of the Right to Information Act in 2005. She has also remained a member of the National Advisory Council.

In 2000, Aruna Roy received the Ramon Magsaysay Award for Community Leadership and In 2010 the prestigious Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award for Excellence in Public Administration, Academia and Management After completing her schooling from Convent of Jesus and Mary New Delhi , Aruna graduated in English from *Indraprastha College* in 1965 and joined the University of Delhi for postgraduate studies. She spent one year teaching at IndraprasthaCollege, during which period she passed the Indian Administrative Services **IAS** examinations in 1967 and married classmate Sanjit .

Aruna served as a civil servant 1968 - 1974.

She then resigned to devote her time to social and political campaigns.