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Ms. Husain received the prestigious “Changemaker: Social Transformation” award for empowering communities and bridging the gender gap in education

Safeena Husain, the Founder and Board Member of Educate Girls, and a prominent figure in India's NGO sector has been awarded the esteemed Hindu Business Line Changemaker Award 2023 on 3 November, 2023. Presented by Shri R.K. Singh, Union Cabinet Minister, Government of India, Ms. Nirmala Lakshman, Chairperson, The Hindu Group, and Mr. Raghuvir Srinivasan, Editor, The Hindu Business Line, in 2023, the award recognises individuals and organisations that have made profound and lasting contributions to society through their innovative actions and initiatives, effecting positive change in the world.

She received the '**Changemaker: Social Transformation**' accolade for her outstanding efforts to empower communities, bridge the gender gap in education, and transform the lives of millions of girls.

Since the inception of Educate Girls in 2007, Safeena's visionary leadership has propelled the organisation to achieve remarkable milestones. Educate Girls has helped in mobilising over 1.4 million girls in hardest-to-reach villages for school enrolment and supporting the education of more than 18.6 million children. The organisation works collaboratively with over 21,000 community-based gender champions, who are committed to breaking the cycle of inequality and exclusion in India.

Through an innovative approach to transforming education, Educate Girls has harnessed both innovative financing mechanisms, such as the Development Impact Bond (DIB), and cutting-edge technology, including Artificial Intelligence, that demonstrated extraordinary results in improving learning outcomes and increasing school enrolment.

Educate Girls has worked closely with the government, collaborating at various levels to drive systemic change and ensure that every girl is in school and is learning well. This collaborative approach has been a hallmark of her work and underscores her determination to make education inclusive and accessible.

Receiving the award at the event, Safeena said “Thank you, Hindu BusinessLine for this prestigious recognition. I am deeply honoured and humbled to accept this award on behalf of millions of girls in India, each waiting for an opportunity to unleash their boundless potential.

This is a testament to the collective efforts of the government, communities, and gender champions working towards bridging the gender gap in education. I truly believe that girls' education is the closest thing we have to a silver bullet to solve some of the world's most complex problems. But most importantly, we must recognise that the right to education is her inherent right – a right that must always take center stage.”

About Educate Girls

Educate Girls is a non-profit that focuses on mobilising communities for girls' education in India's rural and educationally backward areas. Working in partnership with the Government, Educate Girls currently operates successfully in over 24,000 villages of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, and Bihar and has mobilised 1.4 million+ girls for school enrolment. By engaging with a huge base of community volunteers, Educate Girls aims to empower 1.5 million girls and improve education for over 15 million children by 2025, aligning with the 'Right to Education Act' and the Government's vision for better

access to primary education.



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