

Earthshot prize

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In News

- Launched by PRINCE William and and The Royal Foundation.
- It offers £50m (US\$65m) in funding for solutions to the environmental and climate crises.

Background:

- The launch, backed by popular British broadcaster and conservationist David Attenborough, comes after two years of work by Prince William and the Royal Foundation of the Duke to develop a project which will support the global effort to protect and restore the environment.
- **Recently Sir David Attenborough has also been conferred with Indira Gandhi Peace Prize for 2019.**
- The Prize has been launched taking inspiration from former USA President John F. Kennedy's Moonshot, which united millions of people around an organising goal to put man on the moon and catalysed the development of new technology in the 1960s.

About the Prize

- **Aims:**
 - To provide an incentive to find solutions to repair the planet over the next decade.
 - To improve living standards globally and find environmental solutions that work on every level through new ways of thinking, new technologies, systems, and policies.
- **Theme:** The Earthshot Prize is centred around five "Earthshots", simple but ambitious goals for the planet,

which if achieved by 2030 will improve life for all, for generations to come.

- It is said to be the most prestigious global prize for the environment in history.
- **Awards Ceremony:** It will take place in different cities across the world each year between 2021 and 2030, at which the five winners for each of the Earthshots will be selected from 15 finalists.
- The first awards ceremony will take place in London in autumn 2021.
- **Eligibility:** Prizes could be awarded to a wide range of individuals, teams or collaborations – scientists, activists, economists, community projects, leaders, governments, banks, businesses, cities, and countries – anyone whose workable solutions make a substantial contribution to achieving the Earthshots.
- **Benefits to Winners:** After the awards, each winner will receive a global platform and prestigious profile, with their stories being showcased over the decade with the ambition that their solutions lead to mass adoption, replication and scaling.
 - The 1 million pound in prize money will support environmental and conservation projects that are agreed with a winner.

The prize is centred around five Earthshot challenges

1. Protect and restore nature.
2. Clean our air.
3. Revive our oceans.
4. Build a waste-free world.
5. Fix our climate.

Indira Gandhi Peace Prize

- The Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development is an annual prestigious award named after former prime minister Indira Gandhi.

- It is conferred every year by Indira Gandhi Memorial Trust since 1986.
- It consists of a citation and a monetary award of Rs. 25 lakh.
- The award recognizes creative efforts by individuals/organizations working towards:
 - Creating new international economic order,
 - Promoting international peace & development,
 - Ensuring that scientific discoveries are used for the larger good of humanity and enlarging the scope of freedom

David Attenborough

- Sir David is an English broadcaster and natural historian.
- He is best known for writing and presenting the BBC Natural History Unit.
- The nine natural history documentary series forming the Life collection that together constitute a comprehensive survey of animal and plant life on Earth.
- He has worked to make aware about the need to- preserve and protect biodiversity of the planet, to live in a sustainable and harmonious way with all life.