

# Malcolm Adiseshiah Award

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**In news**– Renowned Indian economist and political commentator Prabhat Patnaik has been selected for the 2022 Malcolm Adiseshiah Award.

## About the award-

- Started in 2000, the award **is annually given by the Malcolm and Elizabeth Adiseshiah Trust to an outstanding social scientist** selected from nominations received by a specially constituted national jury.
- **The award comprises a citation and prize money of ₹2 lakh.**
- It is given for distinguished **contributions to Development Studies.**
- The first Malcolm Adiseshiah Award was given in 2001 and so far we have given 21 awards.
- **Dr. Patnaik has taught at the Centre for Economic Studies and Planning in the School of Social Sciences at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU)** in New Delhi, and was the Vice Chairman of the Kerala State Planning Board.

## Malcolm Sathiyathan Adiseshiah-

- He was an Indian development economist and educator.
- Adiseshiah was born on 18 April 1910 in Vellore, Southern India.
- From 1946 to 1948, Adiseshiah served as Associate General Secretary of the World University Service in Geneva.
- This association later helped him to support steps for the construction of the World University Service Centre in Chennai and women's hostels in Delhi and Rajasthan.
- He was posted as Deputy Director of the department of exchange of persons in UNESCO.
- In 1976, he was awarded the Padma Bhushan.

- In 1998, UNESCO created 'The Malcolm Adiseshiah International Literacy Prize' in recognition of his contribution to education and literacy.
- He was nominated to the Rajya Sabha in 1978.