

The Tyler Prize 2020

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Indian environmental economist and UN Environment Program (UNEP) Goodwill Ambassador Pavan Sukhdev received the 2020 Tyler Prize, also regarded as the “Nobel Prize for Environment” for his work in the “green economy”

Tyler Prize

- Established in 1973 by the late John and Alice Tyler, the Tyler Prize for Environmental Achievement is one of the first international premier environmental awards.
- This global environmental prize recognizes individuals who have contributed in an outstanding manner to the scientific knowledge and public leadership to preserve and enhance the environment of the world.
- Tyler Laureates receive a \$200,000 cash prize and a medallion.
- Recipients encompass the spectrum of environmental concerns, including environmental policy, health, air and water pollution, ecosystem disruption and loss of biodiversity, and energy resources.

About Pavan Sukhdev

- Pavan Sukhdev, who received the award alongside conservation
- biologist Gretchen C. Daily, was the Special Adviser and Head of UNEP’s Green Economy Initiative, a major project launched by then-UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, to demonstrate that greening of economies is not a burden on growth but rather a new engine for growing wealth, increasing decent employment, and reducing persistent poverty.
- He was also appointed Study Leader (2008-2010) of the landmark initiative on ‘The Economics of Ecosystems & Biodiversity’ (TEEB), a global UNEP-hosted study.

