

World food prize, 2021

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In news: Dr Shakuntala Haraksingh Thilsted, a global nutrition expert of Indian descent has won the prestigious 2021 World Food Prize.

More information-

- Her **research on small native fish species in Bangladesh** led to the development of **nutrition-sensitive approaches to aquatic food systems** at all levels, from the farm to food processing to final consumers.
- This resulted in **improved diets for millions of the most vulnerable people in Asia and Africa.**

About World food prize-

- The World Food Prize is an international award recognizing the **achievements of individuals who have advanced human development by improving the quality, quantity, or availability of food** in the world.
- The prize has been awarded annually **since 1987** to recognize contributions in any field involved in the world food supply: *Animal Science/AquaCulture, Soil Science/Water/Conservation, Nutrition/Health, Plant Science/Seed Science, Plant Pathology/Crop Protection, Food Technology/Food Safety, Poverty Alleviation/Hunger.*
- The World Food Prize Foundation was conceived by Nobel Peace Prize Laureate **Norman Borlaug in 1986.**
- It is located in Des Moines, Iowa, United States.
- It is **currently run by Barbara Stinson**, who previously served as a co-founder and Senior Partner of the Meridian Institute, a renowned non-profit organization.

The prize was first funded by General Foods and since 1990, the World Food Prize has been **sponsored by businessman and philanthropist, John Ruan.**