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SERB Women Excellence Award- 2020

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Why in News

Dr Niti Kumar, a senior scientist from the **CSIR- Central Drug Research Institute (CDRI)**, Lucknow has received **SERB Women Excellence Award-2020**.

- Award will be **conferred by the President of India during National Science Day (NSD)** celebrations on **28th February, 2020**. The **theme** for the NSD 2020 is **'Women in Science'**.
- SERB Women Excellence Award is a **one-time award given to women scientists below 40 years of age** and who have received recognition from national academies such as Young Scientist Medal, Young Associate etc.
- The women researchers will be supported by **a research grant of 5 lakhs per annum for 3 years** by the **Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB)**, Ministry of Science and Technology.
- Niti Kumar's research group is trying to understand the **protein quality control machinery in human malaria parasite** for exploration of alternative drug targets for malaria intervention.
- Dr. Niti Kumar has many awards and recognitions in her credit including, Innovative Young Biotechnologist Award (DBT-IYBA, 2015), INSA Medal for Young Scientist (2010) by Indian National Science Academy, etc.

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