World Food Prize 2022

Why in News?

World Food Prize Foundation announced the name of **World Food Prize laureate 2022, Dr. Cynthia Rosenzweig of the United States**.

- Rosenzweig was selected for the award **for her research to understand the relationship between climate and food systems** and forecast how both will change in the future.
- In **2021** Leading nutrition expert **Dr. Shakuntala Haraksingh Thilsted** won the prize and in 2020 Indian-American soil scientist - Dr. Rattan Lal won the prize.

What is the World Food Prize?

- **Objective:**
  - The World Food Prize is the foremost **international honor** recognizing the achievements of individuals who have advanced human development by **improving the quality, quantity or availability of food in the world.**
- **Field Covered:**
  - It is an annual award that recognizes contributions in any field involved in the world food supply including **plant, animal and soil science; food science and technology; nutrition, rural development, etc.**
- **Eligibility:**
  - It is open to any **individual without regard to race, religion, nationality or political beliefs.**
- **Cash Prize:**
  - In addition to the cash award of USD 2,50,000, the laureate receives a sculpture designed by the noted artist and designer, Saul Bass.
- **Presentation of the Award:**
  - The Prize is presented each October on or around UN World Food Day (16th October).
  - It is **presented by the World Food Prize Foundation** which has over 80 companies,

individuals, etc. as donors.
- The World Food Prize Foundation is located in **Des Moines, USA**.
- **Background:**
  - Dr. Norman E. Borlaug, winner of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1970 for his work in global agriculture, conceived the Prize.
    - He is also known as the Father of the Green Revolution.
  - The World Food Prize was created in 1986 with sponsorship by General Foods Corporation.
  - It is also known as the "Nobel Prize for Food and Agriculture".
  - **Dr. M.S. Swaminathan, the father of India's green revolution, was the first recipient of this award in 1987.**

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