



# Stockholm Junior Water Prize

## Why in News?

Recently, **Annabelle M. Rayson**, a student from Canada received the **prestigious 2022 Stockholm Junior Water Prize** for her research on **how to treat and prevent [harmful algae blooms](#)**.

- **Harmful Algal Blooms, or HABs**, occur when colonies of algae grow out of control and produce toxic or harmful effects on people, fish, shellfish, marine mammals and birds.

## What is Stockholm Junior Water Prize?

- **About:**
  - Stockholm Junior Water is an **international competition** where students aged **15 to 20 years present solutions to major water challenges**.
  - It has been organized every year **since 1997 by the Stockholm International Water Institute, with Xylem**, an American water technology provider.
  - This prize is a popular part of the **[World Water Week](#)**.
- **Other Prizes:**
  - **Diploma of Excellence:**
    - It was awarded to **Laura Nedel Drebes and Camily Pereira dos Santos from Brazil** for their development of addressing the issue of **period poverty** — the inaccessibility to sanitary pads.
  - **People's Choice Award:**
    - The People's Choice Award went to **Mishal Faraz from the United Arab Emirates for Water Bottle Project to discourage the use of single-use** plastic water bottles and strengthen water security.

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