



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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