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Tata Sons & New York Academy of Sciences announce prize to honour scientists in India

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Tata Transformation Prize will recognise Indian scientists for research to solve societal needs and promote economic competitiveness



Tata Sons and the New York Academy of Sciences have announced the Tata Transformation Prize to recognise and support promising scientists in India who are developing innovative technological solutions to critical societal challenges.

The new prize will be awarded each year to three scientists for innovations in each of three areas: food security, sustainability, and healthcare. Each winner will each receive Rs 2 crore, and will be honoured at a ceremony in India in December.

Applicants must propose technologies addressing food security, sustainability, or healthcare challenges with a focus on digital and technological transformation. Prize winners will be scientists whose proposed innovations re-imagine traditional practices and business models, transform technological paradigms, improve public trust, and promote an open and connected world.

"Pathbreaking research takes place in India, resulting in important advances in science around the world," said Professor Nicholas Dirks, President and CEO of the New York Academy of Sciences. "This prize is focused not only on science, but on innovative discoveries that put science to work for the betterment of society, to solving major global challenges in three core areas. We are so pleased to be working with Tata, and Chairman N. Chandrasekaran, to support scientific and technical innovation in India. It will also raise national and international awareness of India's strengths in scientific research and development."