

British Academy Book Prize

Prelims: Current events of national and international importance

Why in News?

Indian-origin historian Sunil Amrith wins British Academy Book Prize recently.

- It is a prestigious award that celebrates the *world's best works of non-fiction*.
- Established in 2013.
- **Purpose** To reward writing grounded in exceptional research in the fields of the humanities and social sciences.
- Administered by The British Academy (UK's national academy for the humanities and social sciences).
- Eligibility Books must be works of non-fiction published in the UK, with authors of <u>any nationality</u>, based anywhere in the world and working in any language, provided that the nominated work is available in the English language.
- Prize amount 25,000-pound.
- **About the Author** Amrith, a Professor of History at Yale University in the US, was born in Kenya to South Indian parents, grew up in Singapore and graduated from the University of Cambridge in England.
- **Awarded for -** 'The Burning Earth: An Environmental History of the Last 500 Years'.
- About the book It insights into the climate crisis, details the interconnectedness of human and environmental harm.
- The book spans continents and centuries from the conquest of the Americas to British gold mining in South Africa, from the Black Death to the Second World War.

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