Food Planet Prize, 2026

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Why in News?

Recently, Andhra Pradesh's community-led natural farming program has won the 2026 Food Planet Prize.

- The Food Planet Prize is the ***world's largest environmental award*** focused on transforming global food systems.
- **Aim -** To fund innovative, scalable initiatives that can reshape how we produce, distribute, and consume food while supporting a resilient biosphere.
- **Established in –** 2019.
- **Established by -** Swedish entrepreneur and philanthropist Curt Bergfors.
- The prize was set up through the ***Curt Bergfors Foundation*** with the express conviction that human health and planetary stability are failing due to current agricultural burdens.
- The platform provides funding to accelerate solutions that can bring meaningful global impact within a 10-year timeframe.
- **Prize worth** - $1.5 million.

Winner, 2026 - Andhra Pradesh's APCNF program

- It was launched in 2016 by ***Rythu Sadhikara Samstha***, under Andhra Pradesh's agriculture department, the programme was designed to help farmers shift to natural farming.
- Andhra Pradesh's APCNF program got the prize for its work in promoting farming practices that reduce dependence on ***synthetic inputs*** and support climate-resilient agriculture.
- It will improve soil health, biodiversity and farm resilience while reducing input costs.

Reference

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