



28.8.2015 - Indian water conservationist Rajendra Singh has won the prestigious Water Prize at the annual Stockholm [World Water Week](#) .

Celebrating its 25th year, it is the world's most prominent award for outstanding water achievements. This year's laureate is Mr. Rajendra Singh, a well-known water conservationist who received the award for his innovative water restoration efforts, improving water security in rural India, and for showing extraordinary courage and determination in his quest to improve the living conditions for those most in need. The methods used by Mr. Singh are modernizations of ancient Indian ways of collecting and storing rainwater. The prize was presented to Mr. Singh by H.M. King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden.

The Stockholm Junior Water Prize was awarded to 18-year-old American student Perry Alagappan, who invented a filter that removes over 99 % of toxic heavy metals such as mercury, cadmium and lead from drinking water and industrial wastewater. He received his prize from H.R.H. Crown Princess Victoria of Sweden.



Each year, World Water Week addresses a particular theme to enable a deep examination of a specific water-related topic. This year the theme is Water for Development. Experts, decision-makers, business innovators and young professionals from a range of sectors and countries came to Sweden to network, exchange ideas, foster new thinking and develop solutions to the most pressing water-related challenges of today. The topics included the Sustainable Development Goals, climate change, energy, sanitation, gender and development financing. UN-Water, the United Nations inter-agency coordination for all freshwater and sanitation matters, has participated in many of the events, conferences and seminars during the week.

In the Stockholm Water Prize Seminar, the theme of this year was rainwater. Laureates and other influential scientists and practitioners convened to explore the opportunities and challenges for better management of rainwater for sustainable development.

You can find more information on all the Stockholm Water Prize laureates and their achievements [here](#).



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