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Earthshot Prize 2026 in Mumbai: Five Winners Announced

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Why in the news

The sixth Earthshot Prize announced its five winners in Mumbai on 17 November 2026. Bhutan won Protect and Restore Nature; Mahindra Last Mile Mobility won Clean Our Air; Niue Ocean Wide Trust won Revive Our Oceans; PFAS-Free France won Build a Waste-Free World; and Ørsted won Fix Our Climate. Each winner receives £1 million to expand its solution. The Impact Assembly on 16 November and the awards ceremony on 17 November were separate events.

What is the Earthshot Prize

Introduction: The prize was founded by Prince William in 2020. Its aim is to identify practical solutions to environmental crises and help scale them up.

The five Earthshots (categories): (1) Protect and Restore Nature (2) Clean Our Air (3) Revive Our Oceans (4) Build a Waste-free World (5) Fix Our Climate

Prize money: Each winner receives £1 million to scale their solution.

Sequence of host cities: London (2021), Boston (2022), Singapore (2023), Cape Town (2024), Rio de Janeiro (2025) and now Mumbai (2026) - the first time the prize has come to India.

What is special this time

The India connection: According to the organisers, India has produced more Earthshot winners and finalists than any other country, making the choice of Mumbai symbolic.

2026 finalists: The 15 finalists were announced on 18 September 2026; for the first time, major corporations are among them, including India's Mahindra Last Mile Mobility and Denmark's Ørsted.

Scale: Since 2020, nearly 7,000 nominations have come from 169 countries; the organisers say the Awards Night will stream on Prime Video in more than 240 countries and territories on 30 November 2026. The Children's Earthshot programme has engaged over 15,000 schools across 24 Indian states.

Praise for India: At the Impact Assembly, Prince William said India achieved its target of 50% installed capacity from non-fossil fuels five years early, and solar capacity has grown more than 50-fold in just over a decade.

Way forward

New partnerships aim to take the winners' solutions to hundreds of millions of people worldwide. For India, this stage is an opportunity to connect home-grown environmental innovations with global investment and markets.

Frequently asked questions

Q1: Who founded the Earthshot Prize and when?
Answer: Prince William of the United Kingdom, in 2020.

Question 2: Where and when was the 2026 awards ceremony held?
Answer: In Mumbai, India, on 17 November 2026.

Q3: How much prize money does each winner receive?
Answer: £1 million, so that their environmental solution can be scaled up.

Prelims practice questions

Question 1: Consider the following statements with reference to the Earthshot Prize:
Statement 1: It was founded by Prince William in 2020
Statement 2: The 2026 awards ceremony is the first Earthshot ceremony to be held in India
Statement 3: Each winner receives £5 million

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Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only
(b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 1 and 3 only
(d) 1, 2 and 3

▼ **Answer and explanation**

Correct answer: (a)
Statement 1 is correct - founded in 2020 by Prince William
Statement 2 is correct - Mumbai (2026) is the first Indian host city; previous hosts: London, Boston, Singapore, Cape Town, Rio de Janeiro
Statement 3 is incorrect - each winner receives £1 million, not £5 million

Question 2: Which of the following is NOT one of the five categories (Earthshots) of the Earthshot Prize?

(a) Clean Our Air
(b) Revive Our Oceans
(c) Recharge Groundwater

(d) Build a Waste-free World

▼ **Answer and explanation**

Correct answer: (c)

The five Earthshots are - Protect and Restore Nature, Clean Our Air, Revive Our Oceans, Build a Waste-free World and Fix Our Climate; groundwater recharge is not among them

Sources

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