

IIT-M prof wins international award

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Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT-M) Professor Thalappil Pradeep has been adjudged for the 'VinFuture Prizes', which are awarded annually in four categories.

According to IIT-M, the recipients were selected from nearly 1,000 nominations across 71 countries.

The special prize dedicated to 'Innovators from Developing Countries' was awarded to Prof. Pradeep for his development of a low-cost filtration system to remove arsenic and other heavy metals from groundwater. Prof. Pradeep received the VinFuture Prize at the award ceremony in Hanoi, Vietnam, on December 20. He has been recognized with Padma Shri, Nikkei Asia Prize, and Prince Sultan Bin Abdulaziz International Prize for Water among many others and his technologies are delivering clean water to over 1.2 crore people.

The VinFuture Grand Prize is valued at USD3 million. It also includes three special prizes, each valued at USD 500,000, given to female innovators, developing country innovators, and innovators with outstanding achievements in emerging fields.