

Gandhi Mandela Award 2022

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In news– The 14th Dalai Lama was recently conferred the Gandhi Mandela Award 2022 a by Himachal Pradesh governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar.

What is Gandhi Mandela Award?

- It is a peace prize awarded by the New Delhi-based Gandhi Mandela Foundation.
- **A government of India registered Trust, the Gandhi Mandela Foundation is a non-profit organisation**, formed with the motive to promote Mahatma Gandhi's and former President of South Africa Nelson Mandela's values of non-violence.
- The foundation **instituted the award on the 150th birth anniversary of the Father of the Nation, MK Gandhi.**
- The award recognises global leaders who inspire citizens for peace, unity and freedom.
- **The award is given to personalities who have carried forward the legacies of Gandhi and Mandela** by making significant contributions in the fields of Peace, Social Welfare, Culture, Environment, Education, Healthcare, Sports and Innovation.

About Dalai Lama(Tenzin Gyatso)-

- He was born on 6 July 1935, to a farming family, in a small hamlet located in Taktser, Amdo, northeastern Tibet.
- The Dalai Lama's birthday is celebrated as one of the grandest events of Tibetan community.
- He is the 14th Dalai Lama.
- Dalai Lama is a title given by the Tibetan people to the foremost spiritual leader of the Gelug or "Yellow Hat" school of Tibetan Buddhism, the newest of the classical schools of Tibetan Buddhism.

- At the age of two, the child, then named Lhamo Dhondup, was recognized as the reincarnation of the previous 13th Dalai Lama, Thubten Gyatso.
- The Dalai Lamas are believed to be manifestations of Avalokiteshvara or Chenrezig, the Bodhisattva of Compassion and the patron saint of Tibet
- It has been over six decades since he started living in India.
- Tibetans believe the Dalai Lama has control over his re-birth and he can choose the body into which he is reincarnated.
- He calls himself a “son of India” and somebody who has lived the longest in India as a “guest”.
- The Tibetan spiritual leader is the recipient of the 1989 Nobel Peace Prize.

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