

Right Livelihood award

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Why in news?

The **Swedish teenage climate activist Greta Thunberg** was recently awarded the Right Livelihood Award-2019.

About the award:

- It is also **known as Sweden's alternative Nobel Prize.**
- The award was founded by the Swedish-German philanthropist and stamp collector **Jakob von Uexkull** after the Nobel foundation rejected his proposal to establish Nobel Prizes for the environmental award and the other one to promote knowledge and perspectives of people in poor countries.
- She shared the award with the **three other global leaders** namely:
 - Brazilian indigenous leader **Davi Kopenawa** who secured the land rights of the Yanomami people.
 - Chinese women's rights lawyer **Guo Jianmei.**
 - Western Sahara human rights defender **Aminatou Haidar.**
- She won the award for her amplifying efforts that have demanded global action from the world's political leaders regarding climate change.

FridaysvForvFuture campaign:

- The school strike for climate also known as **Fridays for Future (FFF) or Youth for Climate or Climate Strike or Youth Strike for Climate**, is an international movement of school students who take time off from class on Fridays to participate in demonstrations to demand action from political leaders to take action to prevent climate change and for the fossil fuel industry to transition to renewable energy.
- It was **started by Greta Thunberg** when she staged a

protest in **August 2018** outside the Swedish Riksdag (parliament), holding a sign that read “Skolstrejk för klimatet” (“School strike for climate”).

Yanomami Tribe:

- The Yanomami are the **largest relatively isolated tribe in South America**, who live in large circular and communal **houses called Yanos or Shabonos**.
- They are confined to the rainforests and mountainous regions of Northern Brazil and Southern Venezuela.