

Indira Gandhi Peace Prize

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Michelle Bachelet, the first and only woman to serve as President of Chile and a former Chief of the UN Human Rights, receives the Indira Gandhi Peace Prize for 2024.

- **Indira Gandhi Peace Prize** - It is **awarded annually** and named after **former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi**.
 - To commemorate her outstanding contribution to national and global well-being and to promote the causes which she espoused, in 1985.
 - Also known as the Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development.
- **Purpose** - To honor individuals/organizations for outstanding contributions to peace, disarmament, and development.
- **Established in** - 1986.
- **Awarded by** - Indira Gandhi Memorial Trust.
- **Prize** - It includes a trophy with a citation and cash prize of Rs.10 million or its equivalent in a foreign exchange.
 - **Trophy** - It is a square piece of banded **Haematite Jasper**, the same stone which is used at the samadhi of Indira Gandhi.

Haematite Jasper - one of the hardest varieties of stone found in India and is estimated to be 2000 million years old.

- **Past Recipients** - Mikhail Gorbachev (1987), UNHCR (1998), Angela Merkel (2013), WHO (2021), etc.
- **Michelle Bachelet (2024 awardee)**
 - She was **1st woman of President of Chile** (2006-2010 and 2014-2018), symbolizing progress in gender equality.
 - As **UN High Commissioner for Human Rights** (2018-2022), she spoke against abuses worldwide, including in Myanmar, Xinjiang (China),

and Ukraine.

- In Chile, she expanded social protection, improved healthcare, and promoted education reforms.
- As a part of global peace efforts, she advocated for nuclear disarmament and strengthening multilateral institutions.

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