Nobel Peace Prize 2025

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Why in News?

Venezuelan opposition leader María Corina Machado wins Nobel Peace Prize.

- María Corina Machado is awarded "for her tireless work ***promoting democratic rights for the people of Venezuela*** and for her struggle to achieve a just and peaceful transition from dictatorship to democracy."
- **Prize money** - The Nobel Peace Prize includes a medal, a diploma, and 11 million Swedish kronor (approximately $1.2 million).
- **Given by -** The selection is made by the ***Norwegian Nobel Committee***, appointed by the Norwegian Parliament.

About the Laureate

- **Background** - Machado, an industrial engineer, is a key figure in Venezuela's pro-democracy movement and co-founder of the Vente Venezuela political party.
- **Struggle for democracy** - She has been a symbol of civilian courage and resistance against the repressive government of Nicolás Maduro, enduring threats and political persecution.

Other notable information

- The Nobel Peace Prize awarded yearly to individuals or organizations that have made extraordinary contributions toward peace, conflict resolution, human rights, and international fellowship.
- Over the decades, the Nobel Peace Prize has honored a wide range of actors –
    - Statesmen who brokered treaties,
    - Grassroots activists securing human rights,
    - Organizations combating nuclear arms, and defenders of press freedom.

According to the official Nobel website, as of 2024 the Peace Prize has been awarded 105 times to 142 laureates (111 individuals and 31 organizations).

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