



## Portugal's Gandhi Citizenship Education Prize

### Why in News

While addressing the second meeting of the **National Committee for Commemoration of the 150<sup>th</sup> Birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi**, the Portuguese Prime Minister, Antonio Costa has announced the **Gandhi Citizenship Education Prize** in order to perpetuate Mahatma Gandhi's ideals in Portugal.

- The first edition of prize will be dedicated to **animal welfare**.
- Antonio Costa is also known as the '**Gandhi of Lisbon**' for his work along Gandhian principles. Lisbon is the Capital of Portugal.

### Key Points

- In order to propagate the ideals of Mahatma Gandhi at national and international level, two committees were constituted by the Government of India in 2018 to **Commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> Birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi**.
- A **National Committee** (NC) headed by the **President of India**, including Vice-President, Prime Minister, Chief Minister of all States, representatives from across the political spectrum, Gandhians, thinkers, and eminent persons from all walks of life.
  - Along with **Antonio Costa**, other foreign dignitaries including Tulsi Gabbard, Desmond Tutu, Bernie Meyer (known as American Gandhi), Yoshiro Mori (Former Japanese Prime Minister), etc are the members of the committee.
- An **Executive Committee** (EC) headed by the **Prime Minister of India**. The mandate of the committee has been described below:
  - To consider policies and lay down guidelines for the commemoration of the 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.
  - To chalk cut the plan, programmes and activities under the commemoration.

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