



Indira Gandhi Peace Prize 2019

Why in News

Sir David Attenborough has been conferred with Indira Gandhi Peace Prize for 2019 at a virtual ceremony.

Key Points

▪ Indira Gandhi Peace Prize

- The **Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development** is an annual **prestigious award** named after former prime minister **Indira Gandhi**.
- It is conferred every year by **Indira Gandhi Memorial Trust** since **1986**.
- It consists of a citation and a monetary award of **Rs. 25 lakh**.
- The award recognizes creative efforts by **individuals/organizations** working towards:
 - Creating new international economic order,
 - Promoting international peace & development,
 - Ensuring that scientific discoveries are used for the larger good of humanity and enlarging the scope of freedom.

▪ David Attenborough

- Sir David is an **English broadcaster and natural historian**.
- He is best known for writing and presenting the BBC Natural History Unit.
 - The nine **natural history documentary series** forming the Life collection that together constitute a **comprehensive survey of animal and plant life** on Earth.
- He has worked to make aware about the need to- **preserve and protect biodiversity** of the planet, to live in a sustainable and harmonious way with all life.

▪ Notable Recipients of Indira Gandhi Peace Prize:

- Parliamentarians for Global Action (1986)
- [UNICEF](#) (1989)
- [M S Swaminathan](#) (1999)
- Kofi Annan (2003)
- [Indian Space Research Organization](#) (ISRO) (2014)
- [UN High Commission for Refugees](#) (UNHRC) (2015)
- Centre for Science and Environment (2018)

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