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## NOBEL PEACE PRIZE – NAVI PILLAY

- The Nobel Peace Prize has been announced for Navi Pillay, a South African judge of Tamil origin, for her contributions to promoting peace and international law.
- Navi Pillay is a former United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.
- She played an important role in the development of international laws against genocide and sexual violence.
- Furthermore, Navi Pillay served as a judge in a case filed by The Gambia against Myanmar at the International Court of Justice (ICJ), concerning Myanmar's alleged violation of international obligations relating to genocide.
- Navi Pillay was born on 23 September 1941, in Durban, South Africa.
- She completed her undergraduate studies at the University of Natal and subsequently pursued postgraduate studies at Harvard University.
- She served as a judge in the High Court of South Africa, International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR), and International Criminal Court (ICC).
- She also served as both a judge and President of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda.
- From 2008 to 2014, she served as the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.
- She also served as the Chairperson of an International Commission of Inquiry.
- During her tenure, the commission accused Israeli officials and security forces of involvement in genocide against Palestinians in Gaza.