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● **Winners**

- **Belarus' Ales Bialiatski, Russian Human Rights Organisation Memorial, and Ukrainian Human Rights Organisation Center for Civil Liberties.**
- The Peace Prize laureates represent civil society in their home countries.

Belarus' Ales Bialiatski

- Found the organisation *Viasna (Spring)* in 1996 in response to the controversial constitutional amendments that gave the president (Alexander Lukashenko) dictatorial powers.
- Over time, *Viasna* evolved into a "broad-based human rights organisation that protested against the authorities' use of torture against political prisoners".
- In 2020, he was one of the three recipients of the Right Livelihood Award by the Swedish Right Livelihood Foundation, sometimes referred to as the "Alternative Nobel".
- He is the fourth person to get the Nobel Peace Prize in Jail. Previous winners are Germany's Carl Von Ossletzky (1935), Aung San Suu Kyi of Myanmar (1991), and Liu Xiaobo of China (2010).

Russian Human Rights Organisation, Memorial

- Memorial was set up in 1987 with the aim of documenting repression and helping rehabilitate those who suffered under communism.
- Nobel Peace Prize laureate *Andrei Sakharov* (1954), and human rights advocate *Svetlana Gannushkina* were among the organisation's founders.
- It has been described as the largest human rights organisation in Russia, and in the present day, it helped in gathering information on "the political oppression and human rights violations in Russia".
- It was ordered shut in Dec 2021 for breaking a law requiring certain civil society groups to register as foreign agents.

Ukrainian Human Rights Organisation, Center for Civil Liberties

- It was founded in 2007 to promote human rights and democracy in Ukraine.
- After Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, the Center for Civil Liberties has engaged in efforts to identify and document Russian "war crimes" against the Ukrainian civilian population.

Indian Nobel Peace Laureates

- *Kailash Satyarthi* is an Indian social reformer who campaigned against child labor in India and advocated the universal right to education. In 2014, he was the co-recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize, along with *Malala Yousafzai*.
- *Mary Teresa Bojaxhiu (Mother Teresa)* was an Albanian-Indian Catholic nun who, in 1950, founded the Missionaries of Charity. For her humanitarian work, she was awarded several honours, including the 1962 Ramon Magsaysay Peace Prize and the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize.



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