



Next Dalai Lama

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Recently, China has urged India not to recognize a successor to the Tibetan spiritual leader that it doesn't endorse.

- China has held that it will reject any reincarnation of the Dalai Lama born among Tibetan exiles in India or elsewhere.
- The reincarnation of the Dalai Lama is a historical and controversial issue.

Dalai Lama

- Dalai Lama is a title given by the Tibetan people for the foremost spiritual leader of the Gelug or "Yellow Hat" school of Tibetan Buddhism, the newest of the classical schools of Tibetan Buddhism.
- The 14th and current Dalai Lama is Tenzin Gyatso.
- The Dalai Lamas are believed to be manifestations of Avalokiteshvara or Chenrezig, the Bodhisattva of Compassion and the patron saint of Tibet.
- Bodhisattvas are realized beings inspired by a wish to attain Buddhahood for the benefit of all sentient beings, who have vowed to be reborn in the world to help humanity.
- Following the Buddhist belief in the principle of reincarnation, the current Dalai Lama is believed by Buddhists to be able to choose the body into which he is reincarnated.
 - That person, when found, will then become the next Dalai Lama.
 - According to Buddhist scholars it is the responsibility of the High Lamas of the Gelugpa tradition and the Tibetan government to seek out and find the next Dalai Lama following the death of the incumbent.
 - If more than one candidate is identified, the true successor is found by officials and monks drawing lots in a public ceremony.
 - Once identified, the successful candidate and his family are taken to Lhasa (or Dharamsala) where the child studies the Buddhist scriptures in order to prepare for spiritual leadership.
- But , According to China, there was a well-established procedure for recognizing the

reincarnation of the Dalai Lama,

- One of the conditions was that the name of the successor was pulled out of golden urns found in the Jokhang Temple (one of the most sacred monasteries of Tibetan Buddhism situated in Lhasa) and the Potala Palace which was the residence of the Dalai Lama till he fled to India in 1959.
- The second was the reincarnation getting the approval of the Chinese government.