

Dalai Lama turns 80

■ **Jul 6, 1935:** Born to peasant family in small village in north-eastern Tibet

■ **1937:** Buddhist officials recognise two-year-old as reincarnation of 13 previous Dalai Lamas

■ **1940:** Enthroned as 14th Dalai Lama. Tibet ruled by regents as he begins monastic education

■ **1950:** China invades Tibet. Dalai Lama, aged 15, assumes full power

■ **1959:** Tibetan protestors demand end to Chinese rule. Troops crush revolt, killing thousands. Dalai Lama flees to Dharamsala, India, and sets up Tibetan government in exile

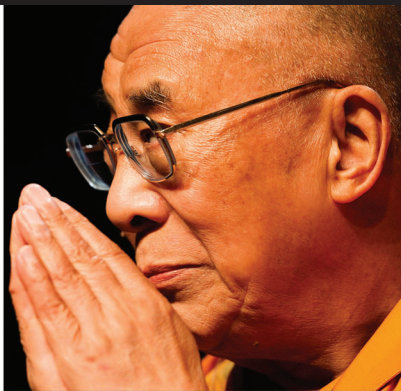
■ **1959-65:** Dalai Lama persuades UN to adopt three resolutions calling for protection of human rights in Tibet

■ **1989:** Awarded Nobel Peace Prize for consistent opposition to violence in quest for Tibetan self-rule

■ **1993:** Expresses his goal of Tibetan autonomy rather than complete independence

■ **1995:** Dalai Lama names six-year-old boy as reincarnation of **Panchen Lama** – second most important figure in Tibetan Buddhism. China places boy under house arrest and chooses another child in his place

■ **2002:** Envoys of Dalai Lama visit Beijing amid signs of thaw, but discussions make no progress



■ **2008:** Tibet sees worst anti-China violence for 20 years, five months before Beijing hosts Olympic Games

■ **2010:** Formal dialogue between Dalai Lama and China stalled amid leadership changes in Beijing and crackdown in Tibet

■ **2011:** Dalai Lama announces retirement from politics. Exiled Tibetans elect **Lobsang Sangay** to lead government-in-exile

■ **2013:** Denies accusations that he encouraged spate of Tibetan self-immolations in protest at Chinese rule, urging China to investigate underlying causes

■ **2014:** Concedes he may be last to hold spiritual title, suggesting it is better if centuries-old tradition ceases “at time of popular Dalai Lama”

■ **Jul 6, 2015: Dalai Lama turns 80**