



## UAE Awards Highest Civilian Honour to the Prime Minister

The United Arab Emirates(UAE) has awarded **ZAYED Medal**, the highest civilian award to the Prime Minister of India for consolidating the long-standing friendship and joint strategic cooperation between the two nations.

- It can be noted that recently India was invited by the host UAE as the "Guest of Honour" to attend the [46<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation \(OIC\)](#) held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (UAE).
  - This was the [first time that India was invited to any OIC meeting](#) as a guest of honor.

### Zayed Medal

- **The Order of Zayed** is awarded to the Head of Government/Head of State for their international relations with UAE.
- The order is in the name of **Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan**, the founding father of the UAE.
- It consists of a collar cantered by a medallion bearing the name '**Zayed**'.
- In the past, this award has been conferred to
  - Russian President Vladimir Putin,
  - Former US President George W Bush,
  - Former French President Nicholas Sarkozy,
  - German Chancellor Angela Merkel,
  - Chinese President Xi Jinping
  - UK's Queen Elizabeth II.



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