



## Grand Commander of the Order of the Niger (GCON) Award

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Recently, Nigeria conferred its **2<sup>nd</sup>-highest national award**, the **Grand Commander of the Order of the Niger (GCON)**, on India's Prime Minister.

- **India's Prime Minister** became the **2nd foreign dignitary** to receive the distinction after **Queen Elizabeth**, who was conferred the award in **1969**.
- **Key Facts about Nigeria:**
  - It is often called the "**Giant of Africa**" and is the **most populous** country in **Africa**.
  - It is the **largest economy** and the **richest oil resource** center of the **African continent**.
  - It is located in **West Africa** and opens in the **Atlantic Ocean**.
  - It is bordered by **Niger, Chad, Cameroon, and Benin**.



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