

## PM Modi awarded Sri Lanka's Mitra Vibhushana

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### Why in News?

*Shri Narendra Modi (1st Indian) was honored with the Sri Lanka Mitra Vibhushana Award.*

- Sri Lanka Mitra Vibhushana is the highest honour bestowed on foreign leaders.
- It honours **Heads of State and government heads** with whom Sri Lanka has cordial relations.
- It appreciates their friendship towards and solidarity with the people of Sri Lanka.
- **Instituted in** - 2008.
- **Instituted by** - Mahinda Rajapaksa (former President of Sri Lanka).
- This award ranks higher than the national honours granted by Sri Lanka, including the Sri Lanka Rathna (equivalent to the Bharat Ratna).



- The award consists of a citation and a silver medal studded with Navarathna, or 9 Sri Lankan gems.
- The Navarathna surrounds a globe encircled by lotus petals.
- At its centre is a Pun Kalasa, a ceremonial pot with rice sheaves, akin to the kalasa used during Sankranti. It signifies prosperity and renewal.
- The top of the medal bears symbols of the Sun and the Moon. It also features a Dharma Chakra, representing the shared Buddhist heritage of both countries.
- The medal is worn around the neck with a 6.5 cm wide ribbon.
- The award is granted at the President's discretion.

## Other foreign country awards received by PM Modi

<b>Saudi Arabia's</b> Order of King Abdul Aziz	<b>Mauritius'</b> Grand Commander of the Order of the Star and Key of the Indian Ocean	<b>United States'</b> Legion of Merit
Order of the State of <b>Palestine</b>	<b>Russia's</b> Order of St Andrew	<b>Papua New Guinea's</b> Order of Logohu
<b>United Arab Emirates'</b> Order of Zayed	State Order of Ghazi Amir Amanullah Khan of <b>Afghanistan</b>	<b>Egypt's</b> Order of the Nile
Order of <b>Fiji</b>	Order of the Distinguished Rule of Nishan Izzuddin of <b>Maldives</b>	Legion of Honour of <b>France</b>
<b>Egypt's</b> Order of the Nile	King Hamad Order of the Renaissance of <b>Bahrain</b>	Order of Honour of <b>Greece</b>
<b>Bhutan's</b> Order of the Dragon King		

## References

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