PM Modi Received Indonesia's Highest Honour

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Why in News?

Recently, the Indian Prime Minister was conferred with Indonesia's highest civilian honour – the Bintang Adipurna of the Republic of Indonesia, and key MoUs were signed.

Bintang Republik Indonesia (Star of the Republic of Indonesia)

- **Nature –** Highest ***military and civilian honour*** of the Republic of Indonesia.
- **Instituted in –** 1959.
- **Design –** The physical emblem features a distinct ***shining gold star*** with rays that symbolise excellence, honour and distinguished service.



- **Criteria –** Awarded to individuals rendering exceptional service to the unity, continuity, and prosperity of Indonesia.
- **Tribute to India-Indonesia friendship** – The award is conferred to honour PM Modi's leadership in advancing bilateral ties.

*Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi holds the record for the highest number of foreign awards; his tally reached **35** international*

state and civilian decorations.

Key Memorandum of Understanding Signed During Recent Visit

- **Minerals and steel supply chain cooperation –** Investments in mining, advanced extraction technologies, joint studies, strengthening critical mineral supply chains.
- **Maritime safety and security cooperation (extension) –** Coast Guard coordination, maritime domain awareness, search and rescue, Indo-Pacific navigation safety.
- **Rare earth magnets development –** NFTDC, Midwest Ltd, and PT PERMINAS have entered into a landmark strategic partnership to collaborate on critical minerals and rare earth element (REE) projects
- **Cooperation on the BrahMos missile system –** Showcases the Indian defence industry, Atmanirbhar Bharat, boosts exports and innovation.
- **Air-to-air missile cooperation agreement –** Enhances defence exports and strengthens the missile development ecosystem.
- **Strategic Joint Venture –** SAIL and Pt. Krakatau Steel – Stainless-steel slab manufacturing facility in Indonesia.
- **Outer space cooperation –** Joint research, technology sharing, and capacity building reinforce a three-decade space partnership.
- **Conservation of Prambanan Temple Complex, Yogyakarta –** Heritage preservation under *Vikas bhi Virasat bhi*.
- **Agriculture and allied sectors cooperation –** Sustainable farming, machinery, and joint studies; food security and farmer incomes.
- **IIM Bangalore Branch Campus –** New international campus of IIM Bangalore is being established at the Singhasari Special Economic Zone (SEZ).

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