

Legion of Merit conferred on PM Narendra Modi

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President Donald Trump conferred the Legion of Merit, one of America's highest military honours, on PM Narendra Modi for his leadership in elevating bilateral strategic partnership and accelerating emergence of India as a global power

About Legion of Merit

- It is a military award of the United States Armed Forces that is given for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services and achievements
- The decoration is issued to members of the eight uniformed services of the United States as well as to military and political figures of foreign governments.
- The Legion of Merit (Commander degree) is one of only two United States military decorations to be issued as a neck order (the other being the Medal of Honor)
- It is the only United States military decoration that may be issued in degrees (much like an order of chivalry or certain Orders of Merit), although the degrees including a neck ribbon are only awarded to non-U.S. nationals.
- It is seventh in the order of precedence of all U.S. military awards and is worn after the Defense Superior Service Medal and before the Distinguished Flying Cross

Other State honours received by PM Narendra Modi

- **Order of Abdulaziz Saud**-Member Special Class, the highest honour of Saudi Arabia awarded to non-Muslim dignitaries
- **State Order of Ghazi Amir Amanullah Khan**– The highest

civilian honour of Afghanistan

- **Grand Collar of the State of Palestine-** The highest civilian honour of Palestine
- **Order of Zayed-** The highest civilian honour of the United Arab Emirates
- **Order of St. Andrew-**The highest civilian honour of Russia
- **Order of the Distinguished Rule of Izzuddin-**The highest honour of the Maldives awarded to foreign dignitaries
- **King Hamad Order of the Renaissance-**Member First Class, the third-highest civilian honour of Bahrain