

Bhutan's Top Civilian Award to PM Modi

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In news- Recently, the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been conferred with the **highest civilian award of Bhutan, Ngadag Pel gi Khorlo, on the occasion of the country's National Day.**

About the award-

- **Also called the Order of the Druk Gyalpo**, it is the Kingdom of Bhutan's highest civilian decoration.
- It is accorded to people who have owed a lifetime of service to the country and its people.
- **It has two categories** – First Class and Second Class – and takes precedence over all the other orders and decorations conferred by Bhutan.
- It was **founded on 7 November 2008 by King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck.**
- The First Class category has a badge from a neck ribbon and a medal ribbon with the star on the left breast.
- The Second Class award is a badge from a neck ribbon and the Bhutanese emblem.
- Every year, on **December 17**, Bhutan marks the **national day in memory of the birth of the Wangchuk dynasty in 1907.**
- On that day, **Druk Gyalpo Ugyen Wangchuk was crowned as the king of Bhutan** and the reign of the Wangchuk dynasty has continued ever since.

Other Civilian awards received by the PM Narendra Modi-

- **'Legion of Merit by the US Government'** award of the US Armed Forces—given for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services and achievements.
- **Russia's highest civilian honour the 'Order of St.**

Andrew' award in 2019.

- In 2019 the United Arab Emirates (**UAE**) conferred him with its **highest civilian honour—'Order of Zayed Award'**.
- The **Maldives** gave him the **'Order of the Distinguished Rule of Nishan Izzuddin'**the highest honour for foreign dignitaries—in 2019.
- He received **'King Hamad Order of the Renaissance'**, the top honour from Bahrain, in 2019.
- In 2018, he was conferred with the **'Grand Collar of the State of Palestine Award'**, Palestine's highest honour awarded to foreign dignitaries.
- He has also received the **'Order of Abdulaziz Al Saud'**, the highest honour of **Saudi Arabia** awarded to non-muslim dignitaries and **Afghanistan's highest civilian honour 'State Order of Ghazi Amir Amanullah Khan'** in 2016.