

PM MODI BECOMES 1ST HEAD OF GOVERNMENT TO RECEIVE ETHIOPIA'S HIGHEST AWARD



In News



Recently Prime Minister Narendra Modi conferred with Ethiopia's highest award, **'The Great Honour Nishan of Ethiopia'**, by his Ethiopian counterpart Abiy Ahmed Ali.



The award was conferred upon Prime Minister Modi in a special ceremony hosted at the **Addis International Convention Centre**.



Prime Minister Modi is the **first global head of state/head of government** to receive this award.



Prime Minister Modi was conferred with the award for his **exceptional contribution towards strengthening India-Ethiopia partnership** and for his visionary leadership as a global statesman

Ethiopia



Location

Ethiopia is a landlocked country located in the Horn of Africa.



Bordering countries

It shares borders with Eritrea, Djibouti, Somalia, Kenya, South Sudan, and Sudan.



Geography

The country has diverse topography, including the Ethiopian Highlands, the Great Rift Valley, and the Danakil Depression (one of the hottest places on Earth).



Archaeological Importance: It is the **Cradle of Humankind**, with some of the oldest hominid fossils discovered here.



Ethiopia is widely recognised as the **birthplace of coffee**.



The **Blue Nile** originates from **Lake Tana in Ethiopia**.

