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PM Modi Conferred FAO's Highest Honour – Agricola Medal

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi was conferred the prestigious Agricola Medal 2026, the highest honour of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), at the FAO Headquarters in Rome, Italy. The award was presented by FAO Director-General QDongyin recognition of India's contribution to food security, sustainable agriculture, rural development, and farmer welfare.

Award Dedicated to Indian Farmers

While accepting the honour, PM Modi dedicated the Agricola Medal to India's farmers, livestock rearers, fish farmers, agricultural scientists, and workers associated with the agriculture sector. He highlighted the role of technology, innovation, and sustainable farming practices in transforming Indian agriculture.

Why the Award Was Given

FAO recognised India's major agricultural initiatives and welfare schemes aimed at:

Enhancing agricultural productivity

Strengthening food security

Promoting sustainable agriculture

Supporting rural development

Improving farmers' income and welfare

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India's promotion of millets, digital agriculture, food distribution programmes, and climate-resilient farming were also appreciated globally.

Key Facts About Agricola Medal

Agricola Medal is one of the highest honours awarded by FAO.

It is given to individuals who make exceptional contributions to:

Global food security

Agricultural development

Nutrition improvement

Sustainable farming

The award is named after the Latin word Agricola, meaning "farmer".

The FAO is a specialised agency of the United Nations established in 1945.

FAO Headquarters is located in Rome.

Current FAO Director-General: QDongyu.

India had earlier received similar recognition when former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh was awarded the Agricola Medal in 2008.

Important Government Schemes Related to Agriculture:

Some important Indian initiatives linked to the recognition include:

PM-KISAN Scheme

Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)

Digital Agriculture Mission

National Mission on Natural Farming

Promotion of International Year of Millets 2023

PM Matsya Sampada Yojana

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