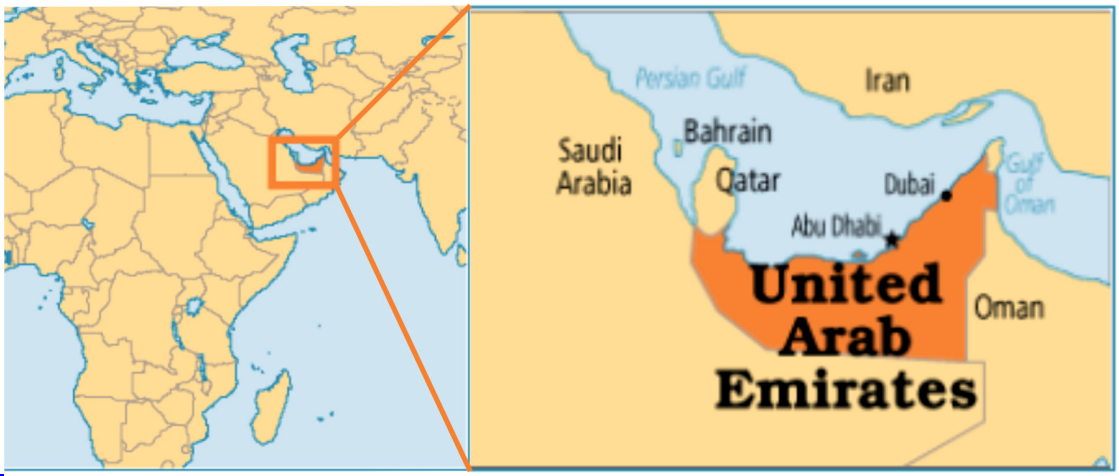
UAE Awards Highest Civilian Honour to the Prime Minister

The United Arab Emirates(UAE) has awarded **ZAYED Medal**, the highest civilian award to the Prime Minister of India for consolidating the long-standing friendship and joint strategic cooperation between the two nations.

- It can be noted that recently India was invited by the host UAE as the "Guest of Honour" to attend the **46th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)** held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (UAE).
    - This was the **first time that India was invited to any OIC meeting** as a guest of honor.

Zayed Medal

- **The Order of Zayed** is awarded to the Head of Government/Head of State for their international relations with UAE.
- The order is in the name of **Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan,** the founding father of the UAE.
- It consists of a collar cantered by a medallion bearing the name **'Zayed'.**
- In the past, this award has been conferred to
    - Russian President Vladimir Putin,
    - Former US President George W Bush,
    - Former French President Nicholas Sarkozy,
    - German Chancellor Angela Merkel,
    - Chinese President Xi Jinping
    - UK's Queen Elizabeth II.



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