

Agricola Medal

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The Prime Minister was recently conferred with the prestigious FAO Agricola Medal by the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations.

About Agricola Medal

- It is the **highest honour** conferred by the **Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)** of the United Nations.
- It is **awarded to distinguished individuals** who have played an exceptional role in advancing efforts toward **global food security, improved nutrition** and **agricultural development**.
- It is considered one of the highest honours granted by the Organization in recognition of outstanding leadership and tangible contributions in these fields.

Key Facts about Food and Agriculture Organization

- It is a **specialized agency** of the **United Nations (UN)** that **leads international efforts to defeat hunger**.
- It is the **oldest permanent specialized agency of the UN**. FAO was **founded** on October 16, **1945**, when its constitution was signed in Canada's Quebec City by 34 countries.
- **Headquarters: Rome, Italy.**
- **Mandate:** To **improve nutrition, increase agricultural productivity, raise the standard of living** in rural populations, and contribute to global economic growth.
- FAO's goal is to **achieve food and security for all** and make sure that **people have regular access to enough high-quality food** and lead active, healthy lives.
- **Functions:**
 - The FAO **coordinates** the **efforts of governments and technical agencies** in programs for **developing agriculture, forestry, fisheries, and land** and water resources.
 - It is **both a forum** for negotiating agreements between developing and developed countries and a **source of technical knowledge** and information to aid development.
- The FAO also **collaborated with the United Nations to establish the World Food Programme (WFP)** to distribute surplus food to those in need.
- **Members:** It currently has **195 members – 194 countries and the European Union**. (India is a **founding member** of FAO).
- It is governed by the **biennial FAO conference**, in which each member country, as well as the EU, is represented.
- The conference elects a **49-member Council**, which serves as its **executive organ**.
- **Funding:** FAO receives its funding from its **member countries**.
- **Reports published** by the FAO: The **State of the World's Forests (SOFO)**, The State of **World Fisheries and Aquaculture (SOFIA)**, The **State of Agricultural Commodity Markets (SOCO)**, The **State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World (SOFI)**.
- **World Food Day** is observed annually on **October 16** to commemorate the **founding of FAO in 1945**.

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