

## ■ France bestows the highest French honour on Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi

France has bestowed the 'Grand Cross of the Legion of Honour' on Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, making him the first ever Indian to receive the highest French honour in military or civilian orders. During his visit to France on 13-14 July Prime Minister Shri Modi, participated as the Chief Guest at the Bastille Day military parade and met with French President Mr Emmanuel Macron, other leaders in the French government, and prominent businessmen. The leaders discussed furthering cooperation in various areas such as economic and trade, energy, environment, education, mobility, railways, digital public infrastructure, museology and people to people ties. In a major boost to the market expansion of India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI), New Delhi and Paris agreed to use the flagship instant payment system in France.

