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Seychelles has a new honour, and PM Modi is the first person to receive it. He got it on 28 June 2026, during a state visit.

This lesson covers what the title is, why it was given and what else the visit brought.

The idea in brief

- **Title:** Guardian of the Blue Horizon.
- **Date:** 28 June 2026.
- **Giver:** President Patrick Herminie.
- **First:** First time the honour was bestowed.
- **Count:** His 34th foreign honour, per Deccan Chronicle.
- **Visit:** Three-day state visit, 27-29 June.

The Guardian of the Blue Horizon

What honour did Seychelles give PM Modi?

Seychelles conferred the title 'Guardian of the Blue Horizon' on PM Narendra Modi on 28 June 2026. President Patrick Herminie presented it in Victoria.

It is the country's highest distinction for leadership in environmental conservation and sustainable development.

Sources: ianslive.in; tribuneindia.com

Why was it given?

The Ministry of External Affairs said it recognises his green leadership and his work for developing countries. It also cites his long push for the Blue Economy, climate action and the sustainable use of ocean resources.

It also recognises the needs of Small Island Developing States.

Sources: tribuneindia.com

Was it given before?

No. The MEA said this was the first time the honour was bestowed.

Sources: tribuneindia.com

> **Quick check 1.** The Guardian of the Blue Horizon had been given to foreign leaders many times before. *(True or False?)* See answer ↓

How Big an Honour Is It?

What did President Herminie say about its rank?

At the joint press statement, he called it the highest honour Seychelles gives to international dignitaries.

Sources: tribuneindia.com

How many foreign honours does Modi now hold?

Deccan Chronicle calls it his 34th international honour from a foreign nation.

Sources: deccanchronicle.com

What green efforts were listed?

The list included the International Solar Alliance and Mission LiFE. It also included Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam and the International Big Cat Alliance.

He also received the 2026 Agricola Medal of the FAO in May.

Sources: tribuneindia.com; ianslive.in

> **Quick check 2.** The honour was Modi's 34th international honour from a foreign nation. *(True or False?)* See answer ↓

The State Visit

When did PM Modi visit Seychelles?

He made a three-day state visit from 27 to 29 June 2026. President Herminie had invited him.

The honour came on Sunday, 28 June.

Sources: tribuneindia.com

Why was the timing special?

Seychelles marked the Golden Jubilee of its National Day, 50 years of independence from the United Kingdom in 1976. Modi attended as Guest of Honour.

The two countries also marked 50 years of diplomatic ties.

Sources: tribuneindia.com; deccanchronicle.com

What else happened on the visit?

At the Seychelles Coast Guard Base, Modi handed over a Made in India fast patrol vessel. The MEA said it will help Seychelles watch its seas and patrol its Exclusive Economic Zone.

Sources: deccanchronicle.com; ianslive.in

> **Quick check 3.** The honour was conferred on 28 June 2026. *(True or False?)* See answer ↓

Exam Traps

The title is Guardian of the Blue Horizon.

It was conferred on 28 June 2026 by President Patrick Herminie.

It was the first time the honour was bestowed.

The state visit ran from 27 to 29 June 2026.

Modi was Guest of Honour at Seychelles' Golden Jubilee National Day.

Practice MCQs

1. Which Seychelles honour was conferred on PM Modi in June 2026?

A. Pearl of the Seychelles

B. Guardian of the Blue Horizon

C. Star of the Indian Ocean

D. Order of the Coral Reef

See answer ↓

2. On which date was the honour conferred?

A. 27 June 2026

B. 1 July 2026

C. 28 June 2026

D. 29 June 2026

See answer ↓

3. Who conferred the honour on PM Modi?

A. Wavel Ramkalawan

B. Sheikh Hasina

C. Danny Faure

D. Patrick Herminie

See answer ↓

4. What did the MEA say about this honour's history?

A. It is given every year

B. It had been given to many leaders

C. It replaced an older medal

D. It was bestowed for the first time

See answer ↓

5. What milestone did Seychelles mark during the visit?

A. Golden Jubilee of its National Day

B. Joining the UN

C. A centenary of the coast guard

D. Its first general election

See answer ↓

6. Which Made in India vessel did Modi hand over to Seychelles?

A. A fast patrol vessel

B. A submarine

C. An aircraft carrier

D. A research ship

See answer ↓

7. Which award did the MEA recall PM Modi received from the FAO in May 2026?

A. World Food Prize

B. Ramon Magsaysay Award

C. Champions of the Earth

D. Agricola Medal

See answer ↓

Answer Key

1. **B.** President Patrick Herminie conferred the title 'Guardian of the Blue Horizon'. ↑ Q1
2. **C.** It was conferred on Sunday, 28 June 2026, the middle day of the state visit. ↑ Q2
3. **D.** Seychelles' President Patrick Herminie presented it. ↑ Q3
4. **D.** The MEA said this was the first time the distinguished honour had been bestowed. ↑ Q4
5. **A.** Seychelles marked 50 years of independence from the UK (1976). Modi was Guest of Honour. ↑ Q5
6. **A.** He handed over a fast patrol vessel to the Seychelles Coast Guard. ↑ Q6
7. **D.** The MEA listed the 2026 Agricola Medal among his recent honours for sustainable development. ↑ Q7

Quick-check answers

1. **False.** The MEA said it was the first time the honour was conferred. ↑ 1
2. **True.** Deccan Chronicle gives this count. ↑ 2
3. **True.** IANS and the MEA report both date it to Sunday, 28 June. ↑ 3

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