



## Place in News - Fiji

**Context:** The Prime Minister of Fiji, Sitiveni Rabuka, is currently undertaking a three-day visit to India, marking his first official trip in this role, aimed at enhancing bilateral relations and fostering connections between the peoples of both nations.



### About Fiji:

- A sovereign island nation located in Melanesia, Oceania, officially referred to as the Republic of Fiji.
- Recognized for its strategic position in the South Pacific and abundant natural resources.

### Location:

- Situated in the South Pacific Ocean, approximately 2,000 km northeast of New Zealand.



- Encircled by the Koro Sea, which is part of Oceania's Pacific archipelago.

**Capital:** Suva – located on the island of Viti Levu.

**Key Features:**

- **Archipelago:** Comprises over 330 islands, with around 110 being permanently inhabited, in addition to 500 islets.
- **Major Islands:** Viti Levu and Vanua Levu (which together house 87% of the population).
- **Geography:** Characterized by volcanic origins and geothermal activity (notably present on Vanua Levu and Taveuni).
- **Demography:** Inhabited by individuals of Austronesian and Melanesian descent, with influences from Polynesian cultures.
- **Currency:** Fijian Dollar (FJD).