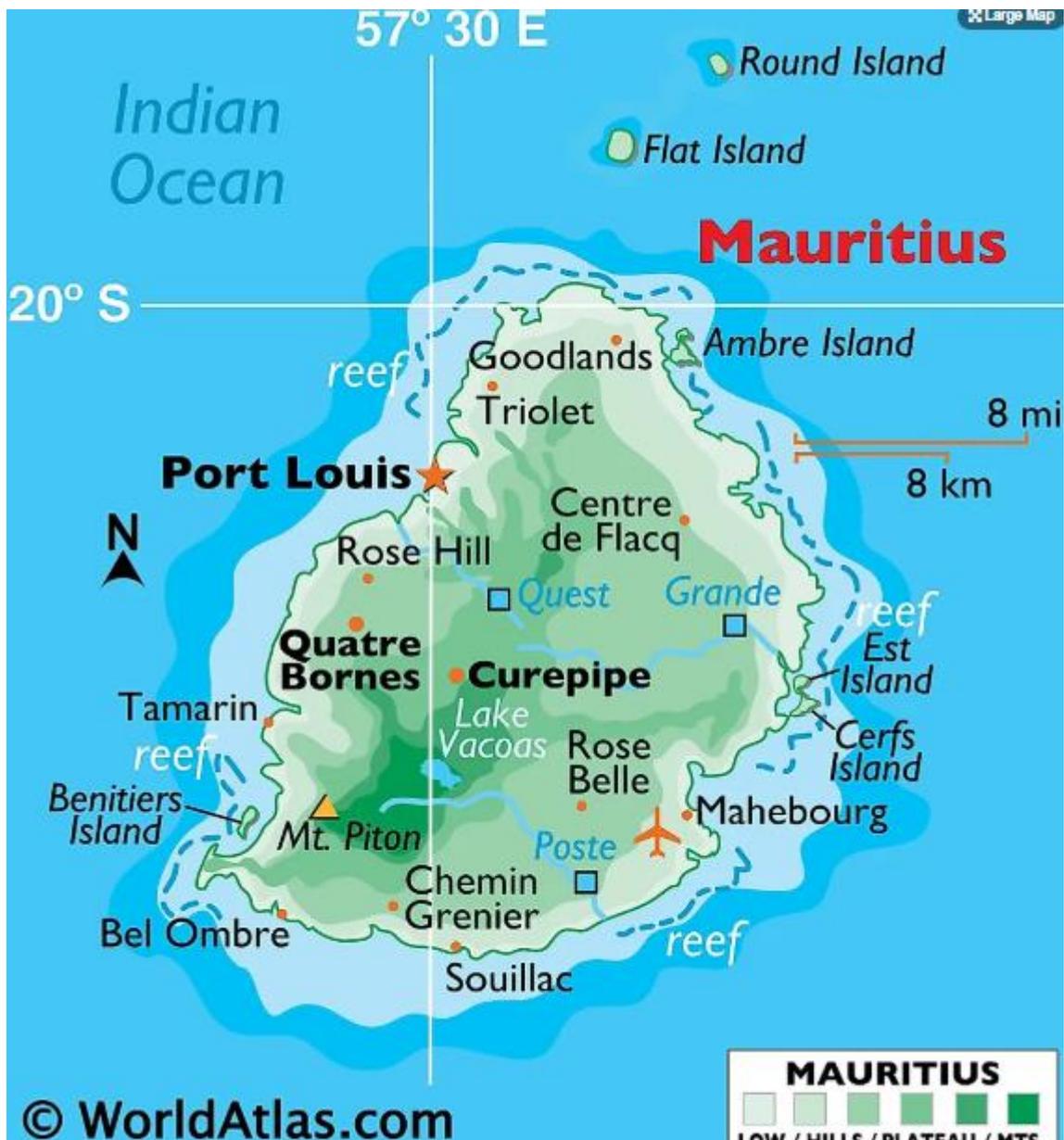




Place in News - Mauritius

Context: The Prime Minister of Mauritius, Navinchandra Ramgoolam, is scheduled to make a state visit to India this September, marking his first bilateral visit abroad during his current term.





About Mauritius:

- Mauritius is an island nation situated in the Indian Ocean, part of the Mascarene Islands, recognized for its volcanic origins, diverse cultural heritage, and historical ties to India.

Located in:

- Approximately 800 km to the east of Madagascar in the Indian Ocean.
- The outlying territories consist of Rodrigues Island, Cargados Carajos Shoals, and the Agalega Islands.

Capital: Port Louis.

Features:

- Characterized by its volcanic origins and surrounded by coral reefs; the highest elevation is Piton de la Petite Rivière Noire (828 m).
- **Rivers & lakes:** The Grand River South East, Black River, and Lake Vacoas serve as the primary water source.
- **Climate:** The climate is maritime subtropical, featuring hot seasons from December to April and cooler seasons from June to September.
- **Economy & land use:** The agricultural sector is predominantly focused on sugarcane, along with tea and vegetable cultivation.
- **People:** The population is estimated to be around 1.23 million by 2025, with the majority being Indo-Mauritian (descendants of indentured laborers), alongside Creole, Franco-Mauritian, and Chinese minorities.