

India- Fiji Relations

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The **Prime Minister of Fiji,** in his 3 day visit to India, held talks with the **Indian Prime Minister** to **strengthen bilateral cooperation between the two nations.**

- India agreed to provide training, equipment, and capacity building for Fiji's military; collaborate on UN Peacekeeping Operations, military medicine, White Shipping
 Information Exchange and cybersecurity.
- Agreements include 100-bedded Super-Specialty Hospital, Jan Aushadhi, Heal in India, telemedicine under e-Sanjeevani.
 - Focus was made on Hindi-Sanskrit studies, Girmitiyas (Indian indentured labourers) recognition, sports, professional/student mobility.
- Joint vision for Indo-Pacific peace, support India's UNSC membership, counter-terrorism, climate action, sustainable development, South-South cooperation, reinforces India's Act East Policy and Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI) counterbalancing Chinese influence in the Pacific Island Countries (PICs).
- The PM of India lauded Fijian PM for championing the 'Ocean of Peace' initiative, which seeks a stable, secure, and sustainable Indo-Pacific.

Fiji

- Fiji is a country and archipelago in the <u>South Pacific Ocean</u> & part of Pacific Island Countries (PICs), located north of Auckland, New Zealand, comprising over 300 islands, of which around 100 are inhabited.
- Known as the "soft coral capital of the world," it has over 4,000 sq km of coral reefs.
- Historically, sugarcane has been a major economic driver.
- Fiji is a parliamentary democracy with a diverse population of Indigenous Fijians, Indians, Europeans, and other communities, and is home to the Sri Siva Subramaniya Swami Temple, the largest Hindu temple in the Southern Hemisphere.



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