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1. Sitiveni Rabuka becomes the new Prime Minister of Fiji (Dec. 24, 2022)

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Sitiveni Rabuka became Fiji's prime minister on 24 December 2022 after a coalition of parties voted narrowly to install him as leader of the country. It also signals the end of the former Prime Minister **Frank Bainimarama's** 16 years in power. In the 55 member Parliament of Fiji, Sitiveni Rabuka secured 28 votes against Bainimarama's 27 votes.

Rabuka now heads a three-party coalition government consisting of his **People's Alliance**, the National Federation Party led by Biman Prasad and the Sodelpa Party, led by Viliame Gavoka.

Fiji will have three deputy prime ministers in Biman Prasad (finance), Viliame Gavoka (tourism), and Manoa Kamikamica (external trade) under the coalition arrangement.

Republic of Fiji

It is an archipelago of 300 islands and 500 islets in the South Pacific Ocean near New Zealand.

It gained Independence from Great Britain in 1970.

About two-fifths of the Fijian populations are Indians who were brought as indentured labourer by the British from North India to work in the sugar fields of Fiji.

English, Fijian, and [Fijian Hindi](#) are the official languages of the country.

The Parliament of Fiji is unicameral and consists of **55 members**. The term of the Fijian parliament is of **four years**.

Capital of Fiji: **Suva**

Currency: **Fijian Dollar**

President: **Jioji Konrote**

2. 12th World Hindi Conference to be held in Nadi, Fiji in February 2023 (Oct. 27, 2022)

12th World Hindi Conference

The Minister of State for External Affairs **V Muraleedharan** has announced at an event in New Delhi on 27 October 2022 that the 12th World Hindi Conference will be held in **Nadi, Fiji** from 15-17 February 2023.

The event is being organised by the **External Affairs Ministry**, Government of India and the **Government of Fiji**. The event will be used to promote Hindi as a global language.

Why Fiji?

It is for the first time that Fiji will be hosting the conference. English, Fijian and Fijian Hindi are the three official languages of Fiji.

Around 30% of the Fijian population is of Indian descent and majority of them speak Hindi.

Effort to make Hindi a UN language

Speaking at the event the External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said efforts are on to get Hindi recognised as an official language at the United Nations (UN) and progress has been made in that direction but it will take some time.

He said that Hindi is being used by **the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)**. The UN Secretariat is using Hindi language in its use in **social media and newsletters**.

However Hindi is not the official language of the UN.

The UN has six official languages: **English, Russian, Spanish, Chinese, Arabic and French**.

World Hindi Conference

The first world Hindi conference to popularize Hindi as a global language was held in Nagpur in 1975. Indira Gandhi was the Prime Minister of India.

S.NO	Year	Place	Country
1	10-12 January 1975	Nagpur	India
2	28-30 August 1976	Port Louis	Mauritius
3	24-28 October 1983	New Delhi	India
4	2-4 December 1993	Port Louis	Mauritius
5	4-8 April 1996	Port of Spain	Trinidad and Tobago
6	14-18 September 1999	London	United Kingdom
7	5-9 June 2003	Paramaribo	Suriname
8	13-15 July 2007	New York City	United States of America
9	22-24 September 2012	Johannesburg	South Africa
10	10-12 September 2015	Bhopal	Madhya Pradesh /India
11	18-20 August' 2018	Port Louis	Mauritius
12	15-17 February 2023	Nadi	Fiji

Hindi Diwas:

Every year 14 September is observed as Hindi Diwas in India. On this day in 1949 the Constituent Assembly adopted Hindi as the official language of the country.

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Prime Minister: Frank **Bainimarama**