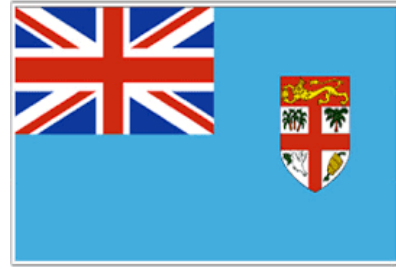


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Here are some interesting facts about Fiji:

Official name	Republic of Fiji
Population	900,000
Capital	Suva
President	Jioji Konrote
Language	Fijian, English and Fijian Hindi
Currency	Fijian Dollar
Popular sports	Rugby and Football (soccer)
National holiday	Independence Day (second Monday in October)

- Fiji is a group of islands in the South Pacific.
- The original settlers of Fiji were Polynesian and Melanesian people who lived on the islands for thousands of years.
- The first European settlers arrived in the early 19th century. They brought Indian servants to Fiji to work in the sugarcane fields.
- The Europeans fought with the tribal groups and the local chiefs decided to give the islands to the British in 1874 to restore peace.
- Fiji was a British colony for around 100 years before gaining independence in 1970.
- Tourism plays an important role in the economy of Fiji. Its white sandy beaches, beautiful island and all-year-round tropical weather make it a popular tourist destination.