

Estonia

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Estonia Latest News

Estonian government officials and business executives are expressing greater interest in cooperating with India in defence and trade.

About Estonia

- It is a country in **northeastern Europe**, the **northernmost of the three Baltic states**.
- It is **bordered by Russia** in the **east** and **Latvia** in the **south**.
- It is also **bounded by the Gulf of Finland** in the **north**, the **Baltic Sea** in the **west**, and **Lake Peipus** in the **east**.
- Estonia shares its **maritime borders** with **Finland and Sweden**.
- Estonia's area includes some **1,500 islands** and islets; the **two largest** of these islands, **Saaremaa and Hiiumaa**, are off mainland Estonia's west coast.
- **Capital: Tallinn**
- **Official Language: Estonian**

- **Currency: euro (€)**
- **Political System:** It is a **parliamentary republic**.

Estonia History

- **Ruled at various times** during the Middle Ages by **Denmark**, the **German knights** of the Livonian Order, and **Sweden**, Estonia ended up part of the **Russian Empire** in the **18th century**.
- It experienced its first period of **independence in 1918**, following the **end of World War One** and the collapse of the Russian Empire.
- In **1940** it was **forcibly incorporated into the U.S.S.R.** as one of its constituent republics.
- Estonia remained a **Soviet republic until 1991**, when, along with the other Baltic states, it declared its independence.
- The **Soviet Union recognized independence for Estonia and the other Baltic states** on September 6, **1991**, and **United Nations membership followed** shortly thereafter.
- Estonia set about **transforming** its government into a **parliamentary democracy** and reorienting its economy toward **market capitalism**.
- In **2004 joined** the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (**NATO**) and the **European Union (EU)**.

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