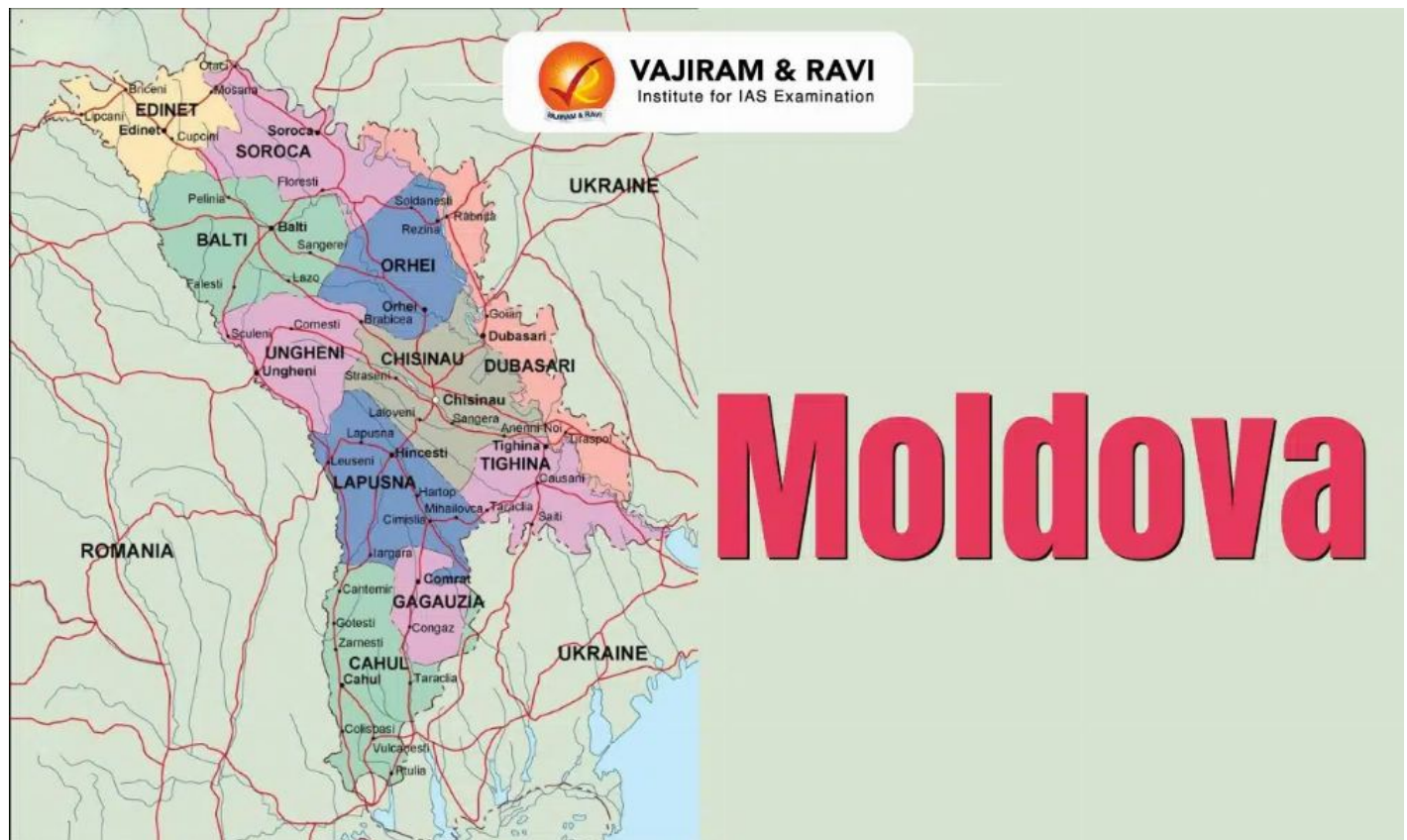


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The President of India recently reached Moldova, marking the first visit by an Indian President to Moldova.

About Moldova

- Moldova, officially the **Republic of Moldova**, is a **landlocked country** in **Eastern Europe**.
- It is situated in the **east of the Carpathian Mountains** between the **Prut and Dniester Rivers**.
- It is **bordered** by **Romania** to the **west** and **Ukraine** to the **north, east, and south**.
- **History**
 - **Formerly** known as **Bessarabia**, this region was an **integral part of the Romanian** principality of Moldavia until 1812, when it was **ceded to Russia** by its suzerain, the sultan of the Ottoman Empire.
 - Bessarabia remained a **province of the Russian Empire** until after **World War I**, when it **became a part of Greater Romania**.
 - It reverted to **Russian control** in **1940-41**.

- Again **after World War II**, it was joined to a strip of formerly Ukrainian territory, the Moldavian Autonomous Soviet Socialist Republic, on the left bank of the Dniester River to form the **Moldavian Soviet Socialist Republic**.
- **Upon the collapse of the Soviet Union** in August 1991, this republic **declared its independence** and took the name Moldova.
- **Government:** The government system is a **republic**; the chief of state is the president, and the head of government is the prime minister.
- **Capital: Chişinău**
- **Currency: Moldovan Leu (MDL)**
- **Language: Romanian** is the **official language**.
 - Russian, Gagauze, and Ukrainian are the major minority languages spoken in the country.
- **Economy:** Moldova's economy is **primarily agricultural**, with **wine production** being a significant aspect of its identity, as the country is famous for its vineyards and winemaking traditions.

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