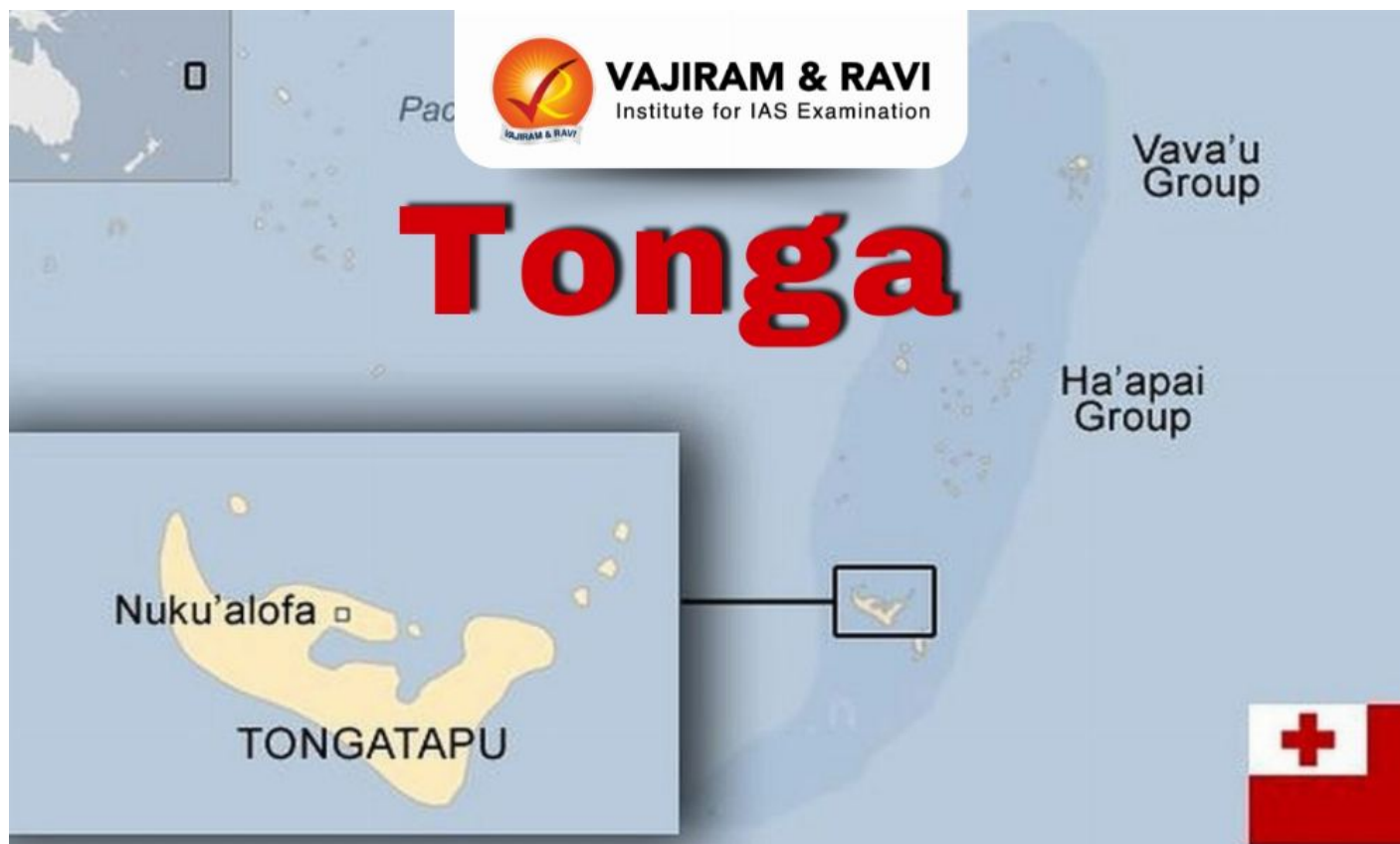


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Tonga Latest News

Recently, a strong preliminary magnitude 7.6 earthquake struck near Tonga in the South Pacific Ocean.

About Tonga

- **Location:** It is a sovereign **country in Polynesia**, composed of an archipelago of 169 islands located in the **South Pacific Ocean**.
- Neighbouring countries include Fiji to the west, Cook Islands to the east and Samoa north.
- These islands are **divided into three main groups: Tongatapu** in the south, **Ha'apai** in the center, and **Vava'u** in the north.
- The western islands (making up the Tongan Volcanic Arch) are all of volcanic origin; the eastern islands are nonvolcanic and are composed of coral limestone and sand
- **Capital City:** The capital city of Tonga is **Nuku'alofa**, situated on the northern shore of Tongatapu Island.

Geographical Features of Tonga

- **Terrain:** It features flat terrain with **limestone and coral formations**.
 - Mostly flat islands with limestone bedrock formed from uplifted coral formation; others have limestone overlying volcanic rock.
- **Highest Point:** The highest point in this region is Kao **Island in the Ha'apai group**.
- Tonga is a member of the **Commonwealth Clean Ocean Alliance and Marine Protected Areas Action Groups**.

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