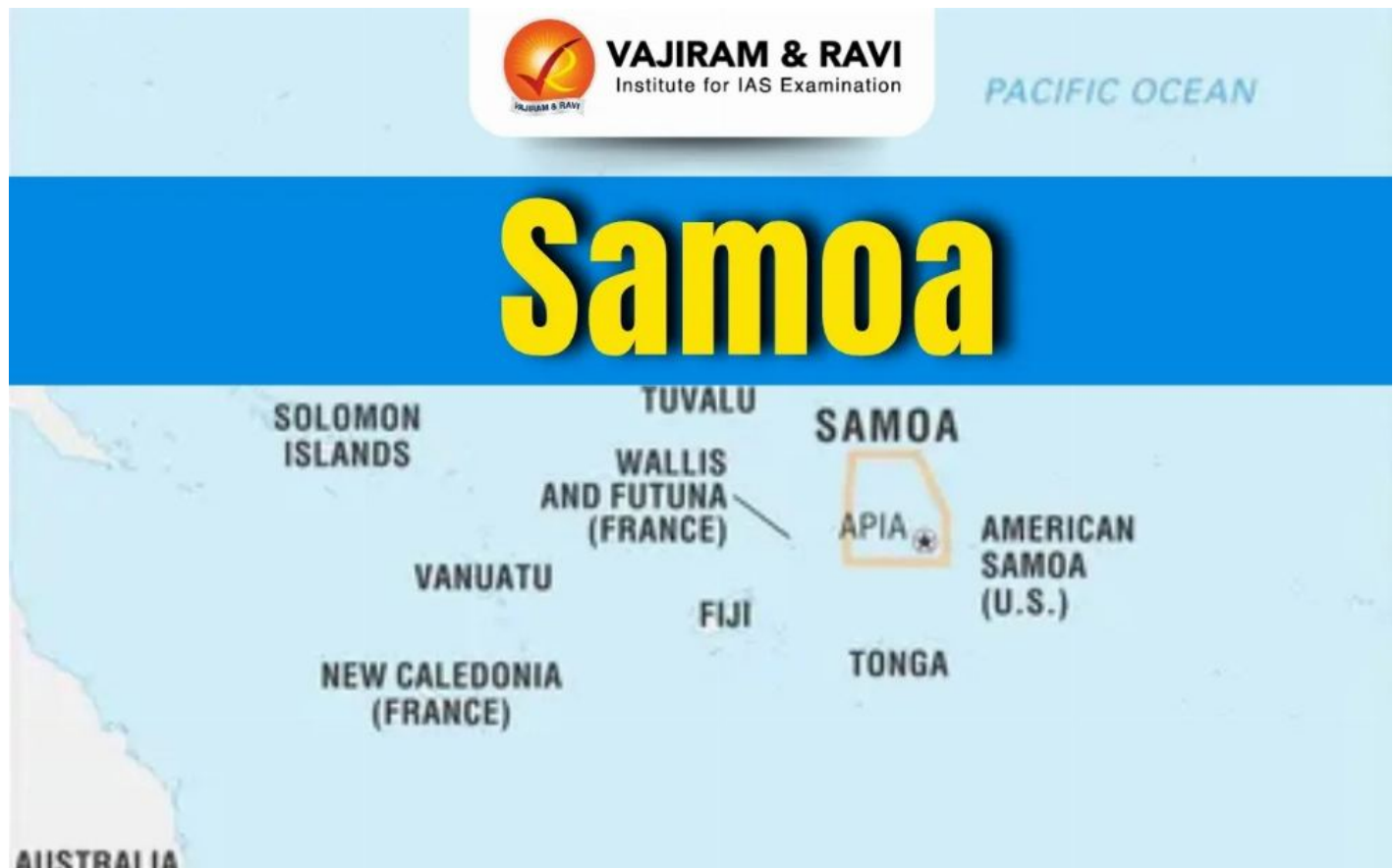


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Samoa Latest News

India's External Affairs Minister S recently extended greetings to the Government and people of Samoa on their Independence Day-observed on 1 June every year.

About Samoa

- It is a **Polynesian island nation** located in the **central South Pacific Ocean**.
- Samoa sits about **halfway between New Zealand and Hawaii**.
- It is made up of an **archipelago** of nine islands, four of which are inhabited.
- It covers an area of 2,842 sq.km.
- The **two largest islands** are **Savai'i and Upolu**. About three-quarters of the population lives on the island of Upolu.
- The country **originated from volcanic activity**.
- It is **mountainous**, with **many lakes and rivers**.
- The islands are **ringed by coral reefs and shallow lagoons**.

- Its **capital** and main commercial centre is **Apia**, on the island of **Upolu**.
- Samoa **gained its independence from New Zealand in 1962**. It is the **first Pacific island country to achieve independence**.
- It is a **parliamentary democracy**.
- **Languages:**
 - **Samoan** is the country's **official language**.
 - **Legislative activity** is conducted in **both Samoan and English** as required by the constitution.
- The **economy** revolves around **fishing and agriculture**, which is **vulnerable to cyclones** and disease.

Samoa FAQs

Q1. Samoa is located in which part of the Pacific Ocean?

Ans. Central South Pacific Ocean

Q2. What is the capital of Samoa?

Ans. Its capital and main commercial centre is Apia, on the island of Upolu.

Q3. Samoa gained independence from which country in 1962?

Ans. New Zealand

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