

AS UKRAINE WAR GRINDS ON

Georgia becomes new hub for Indian medical students

ABHINAYA HARIGOVIND
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WITH THE WAR in Ukraine continuing in its fourth year and international students switching to safer alternatives, Georgia is fast emerging as a new and fast-growing destination for Indian medical aspirants, data shows.

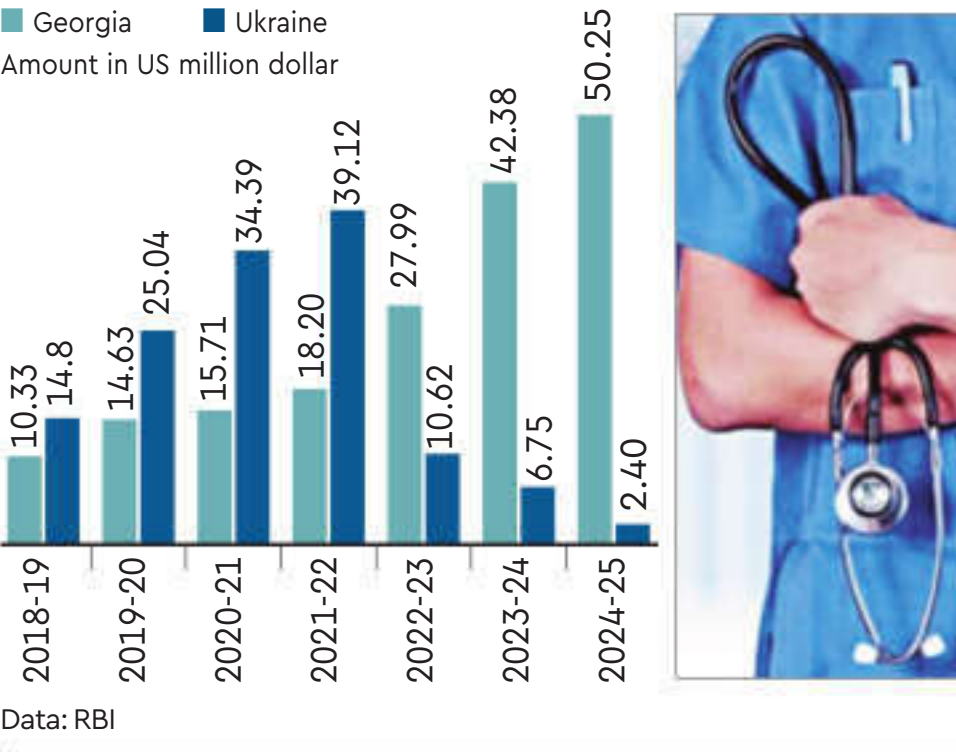
Indians spent \$50.25 million on education in Georgia in 2024-25, a nearly five-fold surge from \$10.33 million in 2018-19, according to data on the Reserve Bank of India's Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS), obtained under the RTI Act.

This rise, the data shows, has come largely at Ukraine's expense, with Indian remittances for education in that country dropping from \$14.80 million in 2018-19 to just \$2.40 million in 2024-25.

In the years before the war, Indian remittances for education in Ukraine were only rising. In fact, Ukraine was among the top 10 destinations for Indian students in 2020-21 and 2021-22, when remittances touched \$39.12 million. After Russia invaded Ukraine in February 2022, this fell sharply to about \$10.6 million in 2022-23.

The same year, 2022-23, Georgia entered the list of top 15 countries to which Indians sent money for education abroad — ranking 14th, a significant

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nificant jump from its 21st position in 2018-19. The country has since moved up to the 12th place.

According to data submitted in Parliament in December last year on the number of Indians who disclosed their purpose as 'study/education' while going abroad, there were 4,148 such Indians who went to Georgia in 2019. This number rose to 10,470 in 2023.

According to foreign education consultants, Georgia was already popular for medical and paramedical courses such as physiotherapy, but it gained substantially after the war began as students avoided Ukraine and those already

enrolled in medical courses there sought transfers to universities in Georgia. The LRS data shows that in 2024-25, even as overall Indian remittances for education fell, Georgia recorded a 19% increase over the previous year's \$42.38 million.

Pratibha Jain, CEO of Eduabroad Consulting, said, "Georgia has been popular for its medical courses. It was quite popular even before the war because of its proximity to Europe, and because it was very cost effective. Their laws for residency are simple, and medical graduates can consider living and working there."

Jain, however, pointed out

that despite the war, Russia remains a popular country for students pursuing medical courses, though some might choose to stay away from cities close to the border.

The LRS data shows that Indian spending on education in Russia hit \$69.94 million in 2024-25, a 200% rise from \$22.48 million in 2023-24. In fact, barring 2022-23, when the number dipped to \$16.36 million, Indian spending on education in Russia has seen an upwards trajectory since 2018-19 (\$14.82 million).

Russia's rank among the list of destinations for Indian students has also been getting better: from 23rd in 2018-19 to 11th in 2024-25.

How other countries fare in 2024-25

Data submitted in Parliament last year showed that Canada, the US, UK, Australia, and Germany were the top five countries for Indian students pursuing higher education.

In 2024-25, remittances for education in the US — the top country for Indian spending on education — saw a 10% drop compared to 2023-24.

Among the top five countries, Canada saw the sharpest drop of around 43% compared to 2023-24, while Australia recorded a 5% drop. In contrast, the UK saw a 12% increase.

Next wave of hiring in India to be defined not by degrees, but job readiness: Report

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AS THE WORKPLACE is witnessing rapid technological transformations, the skills and competencies needed for success are also changing and soft skills such as communication and critical thinking are being prioritised across industries, a

senior executive of a digital recruitment platform said.

In this changing environment, employers are shifting their focus from traditional academic qualifications to a candidate's practical skills and ability to immediately contribute to a role.

Significant efforts are being made by industry, acad-

emia and the students themselves to address these skill gaps.

Job seekers are focusing on acquiring soft skills such as communication and critical thinking, problem-solving, creativity, and leadership to ensure job readiness.

According to Devashish Sharma, founding member

and CEO, Taggd, the next wave of hiring in India will be defined not by degrees, but by demonstrable readiness — skills validated by projects, internships, and data-driven capability assessments.

"Employers, especially larger organisations, are actively looking to ensure job readiness," he said.

JEMIMAH RODRIGUES

Playing to win

THE DIMINUTIVE 25-YEAR-OLD'S 127 NOT OUT ON THURSDAY WAS THE KIND OF STORY SPORT LOVERS DIG: FROM SWEAT AND TEARS TO REDEMPTION

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THE IMPORTANCE OF Jemimah Rodrigues' match-winning innings of 127* against Australia in the ICC Women's World Cup semifinal in Navi Mumbai on Thursday can be broken into three parts.

First, the context. The Australian women's cricket team simply doesn't lose often in One Day Internationals. Since losing to India at the 2017 World Cup semifinal in Derby, England — that day due to another incredible unbeaten 171* by Harmanpreet Kaur — Australia have lost just six ODIs in eight years. They won the 2022 World Cup without losing a match; they were unbeaten in this edition too. They are the seven-time champions of this tournament. So by sheer weight of their achievements, it was no mean feat for India to get past them in such a high-stakes clash. On the contrary, the Indian women's cricket team has often been guilty of collapsing under the weight of high-pressure matches in the recent past. They snatched defeats from the jaws of victory at Lord's in the 2017 final against England, and against Australia too, have faltered from good positions in the T20 format since. But, if any one team has consistently challenged the mighty Australians, it has been India.

Next, the occasion. Chasing a target of 339 had never been achieved in the history of

women's ODIs. In fact, such a high total hasn't been achieved ever at World Cups, irrespective of gender. So when India walked out to bat, they knew they had to go where no one had gone before in such a high-stakes situation. Then they ended up losing Shafali Verma in the second over, and the world No 1 batter, Smriti Mandhana, in the 10th. The improbable was starting to verge towards the impossible.

And finally, the protagonist. That it was Jemimah Rodrigues who took India past the finish line from that point is special in many ways. In front of more than 33,000 fans who had turned up, it was one of their own who was playing an innings that will be remembered for ages. The Mumbaier, who also grew up playing hockey, is the product of the city's rich cricketing culture. Having made headlines as a teenage prodigy with a tendency to score big, it took a while for Rodrigues to crack international cricket in the 50-over format. She was controversially left out of the squad for the last edition in 2022, when India couldn't even qualify for the semifinals. This time, after a less-than-ideal start to the tournament, Rodrigues found herself

watching on from the sidelines in one of the most important matches of the tournament. Against England in Indore, in a quest to add a bowling option to the playing XI, India left Rodrigues out. The hosts ended up losing in a run chase that they had under control for a long time.

All these factors combined, Rodrigues' knock against Australia at the DY Patil Stadium will go down in Indian cricket

history as one of the greatest ever. The batter spoke after the match, with tears flowing down along with beads of sweat, about battling anxiety over the past few weeks. She revealed she had been crying almost every day because things were not working out for her as she had hoped. She also spoke of her faith in Jesus and how reciting a line from the Bible carried her through. "I kept quoting a kept scripture. Just stand still and God will fight for you."

With a slice of luck going her way too, Rodrigues did exactly that as she stood defiant against the odds and carried her team past the mammoth record. It was vindication for her, after the trials and tribulations she has had to deal with in her young career already, that she belonged at this level. For Harmanpreet Kaur's side, it is a result that gives them a shot at winning that elusive silverware. For Indian women's cricket, it is a result that is bound to have a significant impact at the grassroots level. As Rodrigues said in an interview with Sky Sports earlier this year, 2017 created a boom for the game as suddenly more girls started taking up the sport at the school level. That impact is bound to get multiplied now as this win came at the most significant centre for women's cricket in India at the moment.



SHYAM KUMAR PRASAD

Delhi bans entry of older commercial goods vehicles

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STARTING SATURDAY, COMMERCIAL goods vehicles that do not meet BS-IV standards will be prohibited from entering Delhi.

To enforce this regulation, multiple teams from the trans-

port department and traffic police will be deployed, officials said.

The transport department, in collaboration with the traffic police, has formed 23 teams for enforcement purposes.

"We have chalked out a plan to monitor these vehicles. There are 23 points from

where 90% of the vehicles enter Delhi. There are 23 teams that have been formed. These include traffic police personnel and the transport department's enforcement officers. They will be deployed at designated locations and will turn back vehicles not meeting norms," said a senior official.

According to the official, there are an estimated 50,000 to 70,000 vehicles that are below BS-IV standards.

"We requested data on these vehicles from the MCD, but they do not have exact figures. However, the estimate ranges between 50,000 and 70,000," he added.

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EXTRACT OF UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

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(Figures-Rs. in million except per share data)

Sr. No.	Particulars	Consolidated Financial Results		
		For the Quarter ended		For the Half Year ended
		September 30, 2025	September 30, 2024	September 30, 2025
		Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited
1	Total Income from Operations	7,034.25	6,324.28	14,011.48
2	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period (before tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(633.29)	(654.54)	(1,087.58)
3	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/ or Extraordinary items)	(633.29)	(654.54)	(1,087.58)
4	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/ or Extraordinary items)	(633.29)	(654.54)	(1,087.58)
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit/ (Loss) for the period after tax and Other Comprehensive Income after tax)	(642.69)	(717.81)	(1,164.45)
6	Paid-up Equity Share Capital	5,822.52	4,982.00	5,822.52
7	Other Equity			
8	Earnings per share (not annualised for the quarter) (Face value of Rs. 10/- each)			
	a) Basic (in Rs.)	(1.01)	(1.21)	(1.73)
	b) Diluted (in Rs.)	(1.01)	(1.21)	(1.73)

NOTES:

a) The above financial results, as reviewed and recommended by the Audit Committee, have been approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting held on October 30, 2025.

b) In terms of the Regulation 47 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the key items of Standalone Financial Results are given below:

(Figures Rs. in Million)

Sr. No.	Particulars	For the Quarter ended		For the Half Year ended
		September 30, 2025	September 30, 2024	September 30, 2025
		Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited
1	Turnover	5,686.53	4,921.22	11,209.45
2	Loss Before Tax	(202.12)	(165.81)	(317.80)
3	Loss After Tax	(202.12)	(165.81)	(317.80)

c) The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly/ Half Yearly Consolidated Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The detailed Quarterly/ Half Yearly Consolidated and Standalone Financial Results are available on the websites of the Stock Exchange(s) (www.bseindia.com) and (www.nseindia.com) and of the Company (www.burgerking.in).

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