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WHY IN NEWS

External Affairs Minister **S. Jaishankar** co-chaired the **8th India-Indonesia Joint Commission Meeting (JCM)** with Indonesian Foreign Minister **Sugiono** in New Delhi on **June 7, 2026**. The two sides reviewed the full breadth of their **Comprehensive Strategic Partnership**, spanning defence, maritime cooperation, trade, **critical minerals**, fintech and health, reaffirming Indonesia’s central place in India’s Act East and Indo-Pacific strategy.

WHAT IS A JOINT COMMISSION MEETING

A **Joint Commission Meeting (JCM)** is a structured, ministerial-level mechanism, usually co-chaired by the two countries’ foreign ministers, that periodically reviews the entire span of a bilateral relationship and sets its direction. The 8th edition signals a maturing, institutionalised partnership.

DETAIL	INFORMATION
Event	8th India-Indonesia Joint Commission Meeting
Co-chairs	EAM S. Jaishankar and Indonesian FM Sugiono
Venue	New Delhi
Date	June 7, 2026
Scope	Defence, maritime, trade, critical minerals, fintech, health

WHY INDONESIA MATTERS TO INDIA

ASPECT	DETAIL
Size	World's largest archipelagic state; largest economy in ASEAN
Location	Astride key Indo-Pacific sea lanes (Malacca, Sunda, Lombok straits)
Groupings	Both are members of the G20, IORA and the East Asia Summit
Capital	Jakarta (new capital being developed at Nusantara)
Partnership	India-Indonesia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership

Indonesia is pivotal to India's **Act East Policy** and to its Indo-Pacific vision, articulated through **SAGAR (Security and Growth for All in the Region)** and its successor framing **MAHASAGAR**. As the largest ASEAN economy sitting astride critical sea lanes, Indonesia is central to maritime security, trade and supply-chain resilience.

THE STRATEGIC CONTEXT

The meeting builds on recent high-level momentum, including the Indonesian President's role as chief guest at India's Republic Day. Key cooperation areas include:

- **Defence and maritime security:** joint exercises, maritime-domain awareness and defence production.
- **Critical minerals:** Indonesia is a major source of nickel and other minerals vital for batteries and the energy transition.
- **Trade and connectivity:** deepening economic ties within the **ASEAN-India** framework.

UPSC RELEVANCE

Prelims

- **8th India-Indonesia Joint Commission Meeting:** co-chaired by **EAM Jaishankar** and **Indonesian FM Sugiono**; New Delhi, June 7, 2026
- India-Indonesia relationship: **Comprehensive Strategic Partnership**
- Indonesia: world's largest **archipelagic state**; largest **ASEAN** economy; capital **Jakarta** (new capital **Nusantara**)
- Both are members of the **G20**, **IORA** and the **East Asia Summit**

- India's Indo-Pacific frameworks: **SAGAR / MAHASAGAR; Act East Policy**

Mains Angles

- 1 **GS2 Bilateral Relations:** Examine Indonesia's significance to India's Act East Policy and Indo-Pacific strategy.
- 2 **GS2 Regional Groupings:** Discuss the ASEAN-India partnership and the role of maritime security in the Indo-Pacific.
- 3 **GS3 Resource Security:** Assess the potential for India-Indonesia cooperation on critical minerals.

FACTS CORNER

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Shared groupings	G20, IORA, East Asia Summit
India's frameworks	Act East Policy; SAGAR / MAHASAGAR

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