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India's defence production for FY26, announced in June 2026, reached which record figure?

- A About ₹84,643 crore
- B About ₹1.78 lakh crore ✓
- C About ₹38,424 crore
- D About ₹3 lakh crore

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

EXPLANATION

FACT: India's defence production touched a record ₹1.78 lakh crore in FY26, up 15.6 percent year-on-year and over 110 percent since FY21. **ANALYSIS:** The figure reflects the cumulative impact of indigenisation reforms under Atmanirbhar Bharat.

CONCEPT NOTE

The FY21 base was ₹84,643 crore. Defence exports separately hit a record ₹38,424 crore. DPSUs and PSUs accounted for about 76 percent of output and the private sector about 24 percent (around ₹42,000 crore).

Q1  **CONCEPT KIT** **CROSS-PAPER**

GS3 (security, economy, indigenisation), GS2 (government policy).

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

Atmanirbhar Bharat, positive indigenisation lists, defence corridors.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

confusing the production figure with the export figure.

 **EXAM TIP**

production ₹1.78 lakh crore; exports ₹38,424 crore.

 **INTERVIEW**

can assured demand crowd in private investment?

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Which policy tool bars the import of specified defence items beyond set timelines to force domestic sourcing?

- A Positive indigenisation lists ✓**
- B The Inter-State River Water Disputes Act
- C The Double Contribution Convention
- D Schedule K of the Drugs Rules

ANSWER & ANALYSIS


✓ EXPLANATION


FACT: Positive indigenisation lists notified by the Ministry of Defence prohibit the import of listed items after specified dates, creating assured demand for domestic manufacturers. **ANALYSIS:** Combined with capital budget earmarking and DAP 2020, they have driven the production surge.


📖 CONCEPT NOTE


The Defence Acquisition Procedure (DAP) 2020 made Buy (Indian-IDDM), prioritising indigenous design and development, the most preferred procurement category. Two defence industrial corridors operate in Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu.

Q2  **CONCEPT KIT**

 **CROSS-PAPER** GS3 (security, technology).

 **MAINS KEYWORDS** indigenisation, IDDM, assured demand.

 **COMMON MISTAKE** thinking the lists ban exports rather than imports.

 **EXAM TIP** positive list = no import after the cut-off date.

 **INTERVIEW** does forced indigenisation risk quality trade-offs?

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The Kishau Multi-Purpose Dam, agreed by six states in June 2026, is being built on which river?

- A The Yamuna main stem
- B The Tons, the largest tributary of the Yamuna ✓
- C The Ganga
- D The Sutlej

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

 **EXPLANATION**

FACT: The Kishau Dam is on the Tons River, the largest tributary of the Yamuna. **ANALYSIS:** Six states ended an eight-year deadlock over cost sharing, with the Centre agreeing to fund 90 percent of the water-component cost.

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

The Tons often carries more water than the Yamuna at their confluence. The 236-metre concrete gravity dam will generate 660 MW, irrigate about 97,000 hectares and provide 517 MCM of drinking water.

The six states are UP, Rajasthan, HP, Uttarakhand, Haryana and Delhi.

Q3  **CONCEPT KIT** **CROSS-PAPER**


GS1 (drainage), GS2 (federalism), GS3 (water and energy).

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

cooperative federalism, river basin management, hydropower.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

placing the dam on the Yamuna main stem.

 **EXAM TIP**

Tons = largest tributary of the Yamuna.

 **INTERVIEW**

how to balance dams with Himalayan seismic risk?

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Inter-state river water disputes in India are governed by which constitutional provision and law?

- A Article 44 and the Drugs and Cosmetics Act
- B Article 262 and the Inter-State River Water Disputes Act, 1956 ✓
- C Article 370 and the Indus Waters Treaty
- D Article 21 and the Environment Protection Act

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

✓ EXPLANATION

FACT: Article 262 empowers Parliament to provide for the adjudication of inter-state river water disputes, and the Inter-State River Water Disputes Act, 1956 was enacted under it. **ANALYSIS:** The Kishau breakthrough shows central facilitation can avoid the decades-long litigation seen in disputes like the Cauvery.

📖 CONCEPT NOTE

Article 262 also allows Parliament to bar the jurisdiction of courts, including the Supreme Court, in such disputes. Water is a State subject (Entry 17, State List), while inter-state rivers fall under Entry 56 of the Union List.

Q4  **CONCEPT KIT** **CROSS-PAPER**

GS2 (polity, federalism).

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

Article 262, water tribunals, cooperative federalism.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

confusing Article 262 with Article 263 (Inter-State Council).

 **EXAM TIP**

262 = river disputes; 263 = Inter-State Council.

 **INTERVIEW**

should tribunal awards be time-bound?

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The World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought is associated with which of the three Rio Conventions?

- A UNFCCC
- B Convention on Biological Diversity
- C UNCCD ✓
- D The Ramsar Convention

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

✓ EXPLANATION

FACT: The day is marked by the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), one of the three Rio Conventions of 1992. **ANALYSIS:** The 2026 theme is "Rangelands: Recognize. Respect. Restore.", hosted by Kenya.

📖 CONCEPT NOTE

The three Rio Conventions are the UNCCD, the UNFCCC and the Convention on Biological Diversity. The Ramsar Convention on wetlands is separate (1971). India hosted UNCCD COP14 in 2019 and pledged 26 million hectares of land restoration by 2030 under the Bonn Challenge.

Q5  **CONCEPT KIT** **CROSS-PAPER**


GS3 (environment), GS2 (conventions).

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

land degradation neutrality, Rio Conventions, Bonn Challenge.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

including Ramsar among the Rio Conventions.

 **EXAM TIP**

Rio 1992 = UNCCD, UNFCCC, CBD.

 **INTERVIEW**

why are rangelands neglected in conservation?

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According to the UNICEF Children's Climate Risk Report 2026, India's overall hazard score was closest to:

A 5.5 out of 10

B 7.0 out of 10

C 9.21 out of 10 ✓

D 10 out of 10

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

 **EXPLANATION**

FACT: India's overall hazard score was 9.21 out of 10, with extreme heat at 10 and air pollution at 9.94. **ANALYSIS:** About 1.1 billion children globally face three or more overlapping climate hazards.

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

About 392 million Indian children (around 92 percent) are exposed to extreme heat and 89 million to recurrent heatwaves. Pakistan scored 9.44 and Bangladesh 9.38, underlining the South Asian heat and pollution crisis.

Q6

CONCEPT KIT

CROSS-PAPER

GS3 (climate), GS2 (child rights).

MAINS KEYWORDS

climate justice, heat action plans, child vulnerability.

COMMON MISTAKE

treating the score as a ranking rather than a composite index.

EXAM TIP

India 9.21; heat 10; air pollution 9.94.

INTERVIEW

how should heat action plans protect children?

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The India-UK CETA, entering into force in July 2026, gives roughly what share of India's exports duty-free access to the UK?

A About 50 percent

B About 75 percent

C About 99 percent ✓

D About 25 percent

ANSWER & ANALYSIS
✓ EXPLANATION

FACT: CETA gives about 99 percent of India's exports duty-free access to the UK and opens 137 services sectors.

ANALYSIS: It is India's first major free trade agreement with a developed European economy.

📌 CONCEPT NOTE

The companion Double Contribution Convention on social security takes effect the same day, exempting Indian professionals and employers from UK social security contributions for a defined period. India protected dairy, cereals, millets, edible oils and apples.

Q7

 CONCEPT KIT **CROSS-PAPER**

GS2 (IR), GS3 (trade).

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

free trade agreement, services trade, agricultural protection.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

assuming all sectors were liberalised.

 **EXAM TIP**

CETA signed July 2025, in force July 15, 2026.

 **INTERVIEW**

why protect agriculture in FTAs?

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The Double Contribution Convention accompanying the India-UK CETA primarily addresses:

- A Double taxation of corporate profits
- B Social security contributions of professionals ✓
- C Tariffs on automobiles
- D Visa quotas for students

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

✓ EXPLANATION

FACT: The Double Contribution Convention exempts Indian professionals temporarily in the UK, and their employers, from UK social security contributions for a defined period, since they continue contributing in India. **ANALYSIS:** This lowers the cost of posting Indian talent and was a long-standing Indian demand.

📖 CONCEPT NOTE

It is distinct from a Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement, which deals with income tax. The convention is a mobility and services issue, reflecting India's strength in IT and professional services exports.

Q8  **CONCEPT KIT** **CROSS-PAPER**

GS2 (IR), GS3 (services, economy).

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

mobility diplomacy, social security, services exports.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

confusing it with double taxation avoidance.

 **EXAM TIP**

DCC = social security, not income tax.

 **INTERVIEW**

how does mobility shape trade deals?

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The Supreme Court ruling discussed in June 2026 set a minimum notional income for homemakers at:

A ₹10,000 per month

B ₹30,000 per month ✓

C ₹50,000 per month

D ₹62,780 per month

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

✓ EXPLANATION

FACT: In *Shishu Pal v. Surjeet* (June 11, 2026) the Court set a minimum notional income of ₹30,000 per month for homemakers under Motor Vehicles Act compensation, rising 10 percent every three years. **ANALYSIS:** It described homemakers as "nation builders", recognising the economic value of unpaid care.

📖 CONCEPT NOTE

The compensation in the case was enhanced to about ₹62.78 lakh. The ruling builds on *Kirti v. Oriental Insurance* (2021), which established that homemakers' work has economic value.

The NSO Time Use Survey provides data on unpaid domestic work.

Q9  **CONCEPT KIT** **CROSS-PAPER**

GS1 (society, gender), GS2 (judiciary).

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

unpaid care work, loss of domestic care, Time Use Survey.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

confusing the monthly notional income with the total compensation.

 **EXAM TIP**

₹30,000/month notional income; total about ₹62.78 lakh.

 **INTERVIEW**

should GDP count unpaid care work?

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The US combatant command for the Pacific and Indian Ocean regions was renamed in June 2026 from INDOPACOM to:

- A Central Command
- B Pacific Command (PACOM) ✓
- C Indian Ocean Command
- D Asia Command

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

✓ EXPLANATION

FACT: The US reverted Indo-Pacific Command (INDOPACOM) back to US Pacific Command (PACOM), reversing the 2018 renaming. **ANALYSIS:** The mission, headquarters at Camp H.M. Smith in Hawaii, and area of responsibility remain unchanged, making the change symbolic.

📖 CONCEPT NOTE

PACOM was established in 1947 and is the oldest and largest US combatant command. The 2018 renaming had symbolically elevated India and the Indian Ocean in US strategy.

The Quad comprises India, the US, Japan and Australia.

Q10  **CONCEPT KIT** **CROSS-PAPER**

GS2 (IR), GS3 (maritime security).

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

Indo-Pacific, Quad, net security provider.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

assuming the area of responsibility changed.

 **EXAM TIP**

PACOM 1947, INDOPACOM 2018, PACOM again 2026.

 **INTERVIEW**

does nomenclature signal strategic intent?

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Which Directive Principle of State Policy relates to the Uniform Civil Code that Madhya Pradesh proposed to introduce in 2026?

- A Article 39
- B Article 44 ✓

C Article 51A

D Article 48A

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

EXPLANATION

FACT: Article 44 directs the State to endeavour to secure a uniform civil code for citizens throughout India.

ANALYSIS: Madhya Pradesh CM Mohan Yadav announced a UCC Bill for the monsoon session, with a committee led by Justice Ranjana Desai.

CONCEPT NOTE

Uttarakhand was the first state to implement a UCC. A UCC covers marriage, divorce, inheritance and adoption, replacing diverse personal laws with common rules. Article 44 lies in Part IV (Directive Principles), which are non-justiciable.

Q11  **CONCEPT KIT** **CROSS-PAPER**

GS2 (polity, DPSP), GS1 (society).

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

uniform civil code, personal laws, secularism.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

confusing Article 44 (UCC) with Article 48A (environment).

 **EXAM TIP**

Article 44 = UCC; Uttarakhand was first to implement.

 **INTERVIEW**

can UCC be reconciled with diversity?

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The Drugs Fifth Amendment Rules 2026 removed an exemption under which schedule, ending licence-free village sale of cough syrups?

A Schedule H

B Schedule K ✓

C Schedule M

D Schedule X

ANSWER & ANALYSIS
✓ EXPLANATION

FACT: The rules removed the Schedule K, Serial 13 exemption that let villages with under 1,000 population sell certain cough syrups without a licence. **ANALYSIS:** The change followed child deaths in Madhya Pradesh from contaminated syrup, tightening quality control.

📖 CONCEPT NOTE

The parent law is the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940, with the Drugs Rules, 1945. Schedule K lists exemptions; Schedule H lists prescription drugs; Schedule M sets good manufacturing practices.

Cough syrups can now be sold only through licensed pharmacies.

Q12  **CONCEPT KIT** **CROSS-PAPER**

GS2 (governance, health), GS3 (regulation).

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

drug regulation, public health, quality control.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

confusing Schedule K (exemptions) with Schedule H (prescription).

 **EXAM TIP**

Schedule K = exemptions under the Drugs Rules 1945.

 **INTERVIEW**

how to regulate drugs in rural areas?

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In June 2026 SpaceX became the world's fifth most valuable company. Which firm did it overtake?

- A Apple
- B Amazon ✓
- C Microsoft
- D Tesla

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

EXPLANATION

FACT: SpaceX reached about \$2.65 trillion in market value, overtaking Amazon to become the world's fifth most valuable company at market close on June 16, 2026. **ANALYSIS:** Its IPO priced at \$135 per share, and it announced a \$60 billion acquisition of AI coding startup Cursor.

CONCEPT NOTE

The rise of private space ventures reshapes the global launch market. India's parallel push runs through IN-SPACE, the regulator promoting private participation, and private launch firms, complementing ISRO.

Q13  **CONCEPT KIT** **CROSS-PAPER**


GS3 (space, economy, technology).

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

privatisation of space, new space economy, IN-SPACe.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

confusing market value with revenue.

 **EXAM TIP**

IN-SPACe promotes private space activity in India.

 **INTERVIEW**

should strategic space assets be privatised?

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The UNCCD, which marks the World Day to Combat Desertification, is best described as:

- A A voluntary climate pledge with no legal force
- B The only legally binding agreement linking environment, development and sustainable land management ✓
- C A trade agreement on agricultural goods
- D A treaty solely on greenhouse gas emissions

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

 **EXPLANATION**

FACT: The UNCCD is the only legally binding international agreement linking environment, development and sustainable land management, centred on the concept of Land Degradation Neutrality. **ANALYSIS:** It is one of the three Rio Conventions of 1992.

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

India hosted UNCCD COP14 in 2019, where the Delhi Declaration was adopted, and pledged to restore 26 million hectares by 2030 under the Bonn Challenge. The Aravalli Green Wall aims to check desertification from the Thar.

Q14  **CONCEPT KIT** **CROSS-PAPER**

GS3 (environment), GS2 (international conventions).

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

land degradation neutrality, desertification, Bonn Challenge.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

thinking the UNCCD is only about climate emissions.

 **EXAM TIP**

UNCCD = land; UNFCCC = climate; CBD = biodiversity.

 **INTERVIEW**

how does land degradation drive migration?

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