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With the July 2026 India-Indonesia defence pact, Indonesia becomes which foreign buyer of the BrahMos missile?

- A The first
- B The second
- C The third ✓
- D The fifth

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

 **EXPLANATION**

FACT: With the pact signed during PM Modi visit to Indonesia in July 2026, Indonesia becomes the third foreign buyer of the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile, after the Philippines and Vietnam. **ANALYSIS:** The summit produced 20 outcomes, and PM Modi was conferred Indonesia highest civilian honour, the Bintang Adipurna.

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

BrahMos is an India-Russia joint venture (DRDO and NPO Mashinostroyeniya), named after the Brahmaputra and Moskva rivers.

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


GS2 international relations, GS3 defence.

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

defence exports, Atmanirbhar Bharat, Act East, Indo-Pacific.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

thinking Indonesia was the first buyer.

 **EXAM TIP**

BrahMos buyers so far, Philippines, Vietnam, Indonesia.

 **INTERVIEW**

Defence diplomacy as strategic outreach.

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The CG Semi facility inaugurated at Sanand, Gujarat in July 2026 is an OSAT plant. What does OSAT stand for?

A Outsourced Semiconductor Assembly and Test ✓

B Onshore Silicon and Advanced Technology

C Optical Semiconductor Applications and Testing

D Overseas Semiconductor Alliance and Trade

ANSWER & ANALYSIS
✓ EXPLANATION

FACT: OSAT stands for Outsourced Semiconductor Assembly and Test, the back-end of the chip value chain covering assembly, testing and packaging, distinct from front-end fabrication. **ANALYSIS:** The Rs 7,600 crore CG Semi plant is a joint venture with Japan Renesas and Thailand Stars Microelectronics, under the India Semiconductor Mission.

📖 CONCEPT NOTE

India began with OSAT/ATMP (assembly, testing, marking, packaging) as it is less capital-intensive than a front-end fabrication unit, or fab.

Q2  **CONCEPT KIT** **CROSS-PAPER**


GS3 economy and science and technology.

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

semiconductor self-reliance, China plus one, supply-chain resilience.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

equating OSAT with a fab.

 **EXAM TIP**

OSAT = back-end assembly and test.

 **INTERVIEW**

Why India started with assembly, not fabrication.

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The Chita Andolan pyre protest, revived in July 2026, is against which project?

A The Polavaram dam

B The Ken-Betwa Link Project ✓

C The Sardar Sarovar dam

D The Char Dham highway

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

✓ EXPLANATION

FACT: The Chita Andolan (pyre protest) by displaced tribal families in Panna district, Madhya Pradesh, is against the Ken-Betwa Link Project, over unmet rehabilitation, compensation and land-for-land promises. **ANALYSIS:** The Ken-Betwa Link is India first river-interlinking project under the National Perspective Plan, involving the Daudhan Dam inside the Panna Tiger Reserve.

📖 CONCEPT NOTE

The project transfers surplus water from the Ken to the deficit Betwa basin, both Yamuna tributaries; rehabilitation is governed by the RFCTLARR Act, 2013.

Q3

 CONCEPT KIT **CROSS-PAPER**

GS1 society, GS3 environment.

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

development versus displacement, R and R, river interlinking, Forest Rights Act.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

placing Daudhan Dam outside Panna.

 **EXAM TIP**

Ken-Betwa = first NPP river-link; Daudhan Dam in Panna.

 **INTERVIEW**

Balancing water security and tribal rights.

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The DRDO UFOSS, in the news in July 2026, is designed for what purpose?

- A Detecting forest fires
- B Detecting and tracking submarines ✓
- C Mapping groundwater
- D Monitoring air quality

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

 **EXPLANATION**

FACT: The Underwater Fibre Optic Sensing System (UFOSS) is a seabed acoustic surveillance network being developed by the DRDO to detect and track submarines in the Indian Ocean Region. **ANALYSIS:** Led by the Naval Physical and Oceanographic Laboratory (NPOL), Kochi, it uses fibre-optic cables with acoustic sensors and SQUIDs to detect submarine signatures.

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

SQUIDs are Superconducting Quantum Interference Devices; UFOSS strengthens Anti-Submarine Warfare and maritime domain awareness against Chinese and Pakistani activity.

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

GS3 security and science and technology.

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

undersea domain awareness, String of Pearls, ASW, indigenisation.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

confusing UFOSS with a communications cable.

 **EXAM TIP**

UFOSS = seabed submarine-detection network by NPOL Kochi.

 **INTERVIEW**

The new frontier of maritime security.

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The Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Amendment Bill, 2026 raises the sanctioned judge strength of the Supreme Court to how many (excluding the Chief Justice of India)?

A 30

B 34

C 37 ✓

D 40

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

✓ EXPLANATION

FACT: The Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Amendment Bill, 2026 raises the sanctioned judge strength from 33 to 37, excluding the Chief Justice of India, so the total rises from 34 to 38. **ANALYSIS:** It amends the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Act, 1956, and will replace an ordinance, aiming to reduce case pendency.

📖 CONCEPT NOTE

Article 124(1) empowers Parliament to fix the Supreme Court judge strength by law; ordinances are issued under Article 123.

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

GS2 polity and judiciary.

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

judicial pendency, access to justice, judge strength, ordinance route.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

counting the CJI within the 37.

 **EXAM TIP**

33 to 37 (excluding CJI); total 34 to 38.

 **INTERVIEW**

More judges versus structural reform.

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India is chairing the Ninth Session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection under which UN body?

A UNCTAD ✓

B WTO

C UNEP

D UNESCO

ANSWER & ANALYSIS
✓ EXPLANATION

FACT: India is chairing the Ninth Session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts (IGE) on Consumer Protection Law and Policy under the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), at Geneva, from July 6 to 8, 2026. **ANALYSIS:** The IGE is constituted under the United Nations Guidelines for Consumer Protection (UNGCP).

📖 CONCEPT NOTE

India is represented by Nidhi Khare, Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs; the domestic law is the Consumer Protection Act, 2019.

Q6

 CONCEPT KIT **CROSS-PAPER**

GS2 international bodies, GS3 economy.

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

consumer protection, e-commerce, dark patterns, global governance.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

confusing UNCTAD with UNEP.

 **EXAM TIP**

UNCTAD IGE on Consumer Protection; UNGCP framework.

 **INTERVIEW**

Protecting consumers in the digital age.

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The BrahMos missile is a joint venture between India and which country?

- A France
- B Russia ✓
- C Israel
- D The United States

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

✓ EXPLANATION

FACT: BrahMos is a joint venture between India (the DRDO) and Russia (NPO Mashinostroyeniya), and its name combines the Brahmaputra and Moskva rivers. **ANALYSIS:** It is a supersonic cruise missile, and its export to Indonesia in July 2026 makes Indonesia the third foreign buyer.

📖 CONCEPT NOTE

BrahMos can be launched from land, sea, submarine and air platforms; earlier buyers were the Philippines and Vietnam.

Q7

 CONCEPT KIT **CROSS-PAPER**

GS3 defence, GS2 international relations.

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

defence exports, joint development, supersonic cruise missile.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

attributing BrahMos to India-France.

 **EXAM TIP**

BrahMos = India (DRDO) plus Russia (NPOM).

 **INTERVIEW**

India as an arms exporter.

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Cyttopsis indica, described in July 2026, is a new species of what?

A Deep-sea fish ✓

B Freshwater turtle

C Coral

D Sea snake

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

✓ **EXPLANATION**

FACT: *Cyttopsis indica*, the "Indian dory", is a new deep-sea fish described by ICAR-CMFRI, Kochi, from depths of about 350 to 500 metres in the Lakshadweep Sea. **ANALYSIS:** It was earlier misidentified as *Cyttopsis rosea*, now confined to the Atlantic, and was confirmed through DNA sequencing.

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

ICAR-CMFRI is the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute; dories are a primitive group of marine fishes.

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

GS3 science and technology and environment.

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

marine biodiversity, taxonomy, DNA barcoding.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

confusing it with a freshwater species.

 **EXAM TIP**

Cyttopsis indica, deep-sea fish, ICAR-CMFRI Kochi.

 **INTERVIEW**

India marine biodiversity potential.

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In the Sustainable Development Report 2026, what was India rank?

A 68th

B 94th ✓

C 120th

D 132nd

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

✓ **EXPLANATION**

FACT: The Sustainable Development Report 2026, by the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN), ranked India at its best-ever 94th of 167 countries, with a score of about 68.3, up from 99th in 2025. **ANALYSIS:** Finland topped the index, and India still faces major challenges on goals such as Zero Hunger and Good Health.

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

The report tracks progress on the 17 Sustainable Development Goals, which run to 2030.

Q9

 CONCEPT KIT **CROSS-PAPER**

GS2 and GS3 reports and indices.

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

SDGs, hunger, health, sustainable development.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

confusing this with the NITI Aayog SDG India Index.

 **EXAM TIP**

India 94th (SDR 2026); Finland first.

 **INTERVIEW**

Where India lags on the SDGs.

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The Indiahandmade portal, which crossed 64 lakh artisans in July 2026, is run by which ministry?

A Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

B Ministry of Textiles ✓

C Ministry of Rural Development

D Ministry of Commerce and Industry

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

 **EXPLANATION**

FACT: Indiahandmade is an e-commerce portal run by the Ministry of Textiles, operating a zero-commission model that passes the full sale proceeds to artisans accounts. **ANALYSIS:** It crossed 64 lakh onboarded artisans and weavers, supports 22 scheduled languages and AI-powered listings, and is part of India Digital Public Infrastructure push.

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

The zero-commission model and free shipping distinguish it from commercial marketplaces.

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

GS3 economy, GS2 governance.

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

artisan livelihoods, digital public infrastructure, handicrafts.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

placing the portal under the MSME ministry.

 **EXAM TIP**

Indiahandmade = Ministry of Textiles, zero commission.

 **INTERVIEW**

Technology for traditional livelihoods.

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ISRO SOLVE, tested in July 2026, is best described as:

- A A reusable orbital rocket
- B A sub-orbital launch vehicle for experiments ✓
- C A communications satellite
- D A lunar lander

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

✓ EXPLANATION

FACT: SOLVE (Sub-Orbital Launch Vehicle for Experiments) is a solid-propellant, sub-orbital testbed for atmospheric, high-altitude and re-entry experiments and for Gaganyaan parachute validation, tested at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota. **ANALYSIS:** It is a cost-effective platform compared with a full multi-stage orbital rocket.

📖 CONCEPT NOTE

Sub-orbital means it reaches space but does not complete an orbit around the Earth.

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

GS3 science and technology.

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

sub-orbital testing, Gaganyaan, re-entry.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

treating SOLVE as an orbital launcher.

 **EXAM TIP**

SOLVE = sub-orbital experiment vehicle; Sriharikota.

 **INTERVIEW**

Low-cost testing for human spaceflight.

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The Ken-Betwa Link Project, in the news over displacement, is the first project under which plan?

A The National Perspective Plan for interlinking of rivers ✓

B The National Water Mission

C The Namami Gange programme

D The Atal Bhujal Yojana

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

EXPLANATION

FACT: The Ken-Betwa Link Project is India first river-interlinking project under the National Perspective Plan (NPP), transferring surplus water from the Ken to the deficit Betwa basin, both Yamuna tributaries. **ANALYSIS:** Its Daudhan Dam lies inside the Panna Tiger Reserve, which is why it faces environmental and displacement concerns.

CONCEPT NOTE

The revived Chita Andolan pyre protest by tribal families in Panna district is over rehabilitation and compensation.

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

GS1 geography, GS3 environment.

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

river interlinking, displacement, tiger habitat.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

treating river-linking as free of ecological cost.

 **EXAM TIP**

Ken-Betwa is the first NPP link; Daudhan Dam in Panna.

 **INTERVIEW**

Water transfer versus local costs.

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Consider the following statements about the right to vote in India:\n1. In N.P. Ponnuswami (1952) and Kuldip Nayar (2006), the right to vote was treated as a statutory right.\n2. Free and fair elections have been held to be part of the basic structure of the Constitution.\n

Which of the statements is/are correct?

A 1 only

B 2 only

C Both 1 and 2 ✓

D Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER & ANALYSIS
EXPLANATION

FACT: Both statements are correct. In N.P. Ponnuswami (1952) and Kuldip Nayar (2006) the Supreme Court treated the right to vote as a statutory right, while free and fair elections have been held to be part of the basic structure.

ANALYSIS: A July 2026 editorial argued that this tension supports giving the franchise firmer constitutional protection.

CONCEPT NOTE

The right to vote is provided by Article 326 and the Representation of the People Act, 1951, while jurisprudence protects ballot secrecy, informed choice and NOTA.

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

GS2 polity, elections and rights.

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

statutory versus constitutional right, basic structure, franchise.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

assuming the right to vote is a fundamental right.

 **EXAM TIP**

vote = statutory right per precedent; free and fair elections = basic structure.

 **INTERVIEW**

Should the vote be a fundamental right.

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Antimicrobial resistance (AMR), discussed in a July 2026 editorial, refers to:

- A Resistance of crops to pesticides
- B Microbes evolving to resist the drugs used against them ✓
- C Resistance of the body to vaccines
- D Resistance of metals to corrosion

ANSWER & ANALYSIS






 **EXPLANATION**

FACT: Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is the process by which microbes such as bacteria evolve to resist the antimicrobial drugs used against them, making infections harder to treat. **ANALYSIS:** A July 2026 editorial argued that AMR means India low-cost generics strength is no longer enough, urging a shift to original drug discovery, citing Wockhardt new antibiotic Zaynich.

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

India has a National Action Plan on AMR; overuse of antibiotics in humans, animals and agriculture drives resistance.

Q14  **CONCEPT KIT**

 CROSS-PAPER	GS3 science and technology, GS2 health.
 MAINS KEYWORDS	AMR, drug discovery, One Health, superbugs.
 COMMON MISTAKE	confusing AMR with vaccine resistance.
 EXAM TIP	AMR = microbes resisting drugs; NAP-AMR.
 INTERVIEW	Moving Indian pharma up the value chain.

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India semiconductor strategy, discussed in a July 2026 editorial, began with OSAT plants mainly because:

A Assembly and testing are less capital-intensive than fabrication ✓

B India has no engineers for fabrication

C OSAT plants do not need electricity

D Fabrication is banned in India

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

 **EXPLANATION**

FACT: India began its semiconductor push with OSAT (assembly, testing and packaging) plants because the back-end is far less capital-intensive and technologically demanding than front-end fabrication (a fab). **ANALYSIS:** The CG Semi plant at Sanand, under the India Semiconductor Mission, builds this back-end capacity while the country works toward a full fabrication ecosystem.

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

A fab requires tens of billions of dollars and advanced process technology, whereas OSAT/ATMP is a viable entry point.

Q15  **CONCEPT KIT** **CROSS-PAPER**

GS3 economy and science and technology.

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

OSAT, fabrication, value chain, self-reliance.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

thinking OSAT and fabrication are the same.

 **EXAM TIP**

OSAT is the cheaper back-end entry point.

 **INTERVIEW**

Sequencing a semiconductor ecosystem.

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