# Monthly Current Affairs Compilation

# September 2026

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## Month at a glance

- **Saturday, 5 September 2026** — MP Cabinet clears ₹41,000 crore package with a new rural-jobs scheme; RBI holds repo at 5.25% and lifts FY27 growth to 6.7%; ISRO orbits EOS-05.
- **Sunday, 6 September 2026** — MP extends Ladli Behna & Ladli Lakshmi by five years; state budget capex crosses ₹1 lakh crore; Supreme Court pushes to raise judges' retirement age to 62.
- **Monday, 7 September 2026** — MP Cabinet clears ~**Rs 41,000 crore** development-and-jobs package; India's **GST** touches **Rs 1.99 lakh crore** in August and **Japan's JCR** upgrades India's rating to **'A-'** after 35 years.
- **Tuesday, 8 September 2026** — MP Cabinet's **₹41,000 crore** package, the state's **1,000-tiger** goal and **Project Cheetah's** Gandhi Sagar expansion lead today; nationally, the **Western DFC** dedication, a **₹1.10 lakh crore** defence clearance and India's **'A–'** rating upgrade.
- **Wednesday, 9 September 2026** — MP lands ADB's first India renewable-PPP mandate; Cabinet clears ₹41,000-cr package; GST hits ₹1.99 lakh crore in August
- **Thursday, 10 September 2026** — MP's NAMAN Mission to rejuvenate the Narmada and a **₹1.46 lakh crore** five-year welfare package lead the day; Project Cheetah crosses **57** cats and the PM dedicates the Western Dedicated Freight Corridor.
- **Friday, 11 September 2026** — MP Cabinet's **₹41,000 cr** package launches **VB-GRAM-G**, Ladli Behna wins a **5-year** extension, and India's cheetah tally hits **53**.
- **Saturday, 12 September 2026** — MP unveils ‘Sugam Parivahan’ bus network at Transport Vision Summit; cheetah ‘Dheera’ heads to Gandhi Sagar as Project Cheetah turns 3; Centre launches DILRMP 3.0 ‘Bhu-Aadhaar’.
- **Tuesday, 15 September 2026** — MP Cabinet clears ₹41,000 cr development push; Ladli Behna's 40th installment reaches 1.25 crore women; Project Cheetah nears 4 years at Kuno
- **Wednesday, 16 September 2026** — MP Cabinet clears ₹42,490 cr package; Ladli Behna's 40th installment credited; cheetahs consolidate at Gandhi Sagar as GST hits ₹1.99 lakh cr
- **Thursday, 17 September 2026** — Project Cheetah turns four with 52 cheetahs in MP; Union raises EPFO wage ceiling to ₹25,000; India's GDP grows 7.8%.
- **Friday, 18 September 2026** — MP clears ₹42,490 crore & readies Sugam Parivahan Bus Seva; Centre lifts EPFO ceiling to ₹25,000 and PM opens SEMICON India 2026
- **Saturday, 19 September 2026** — MP Cabinet clears ₹42,490 cr package; Project Cheetah turns 4 with 'Dheera' shifted to Gandhi Sagar; Ladli Behna 40th installment paid
- **Sunday, 20 September 2026** — MP Cabinet clears **₹42,490 crore** development package; **40th Ladli Behna** installment paid; **Project Cheetah** turns 4 with a new litter of 4 cubs at Kuno
- **Monday, 21 September 2026** — Kuno cheetahs rise to 56 with 4 new cubs; MP Cabinet clears Rs 42,490 crore; 40th Ladli Behna instalment paid
- **Tuesday, 22 September 2026** — Project Cheetah turns 4 with new Kuno cubs; MP launches free rural property-registration scheme; Moody's lifts India's FY27 growth to 7%
- **Wednesday, 23 September 2026** — MP Cabinet clears ₹13,790 cr package; Project Cheetah expands to Gandhi Sagar; RBI holds repo at 5.25%
- **Thursday, 24 September 2026** — MP launches Sugam Parivahan Bus Seva, Cabinet clears a ₹42,490 cr package, and OECD lifts India's FY27 growth to 7.1%
- **Friday, 25 September 2026** — MP revives public buses ('Sugam Parivahan Seva') after 21 years; Make in India turns 12; India-New Zealand FTA to take effect 20 Oct

- **Monday, 28 September 2026** — MP Cabinet's ₹13,790 cr package, Project Cheetah at 56, and Russia's backing for India's UNSC seat lead today's affairs.
- **Tuesday, 29 September 2026** — MP Cabinet clears **Rs 13,790 crore** package (140 sports complexes, big irrigation & judiciary push); India fires up its **first port-based e-methanol plant at Kandla**; Kuno's cheetah count rises to **56**.
- **Wednesday, 30 September 2026** — MP grants 20% ex-Agniveer quota and a ₹24,500 cr package; Project Cheetah turns 4 at Kuno; India's net FDI hits a 5-year high

# All topics — key facts for revision

## Saturday, 5 September 2026

Full notes with diagrams: studyforgs.com/current-affairs/mppsc/2026-09-05.html

### MADHYA PRADESH MP Cabinet clears ₹41,000 crore package for jobs, roads and welfare

- New rural jobs scheme Viksit Bharat: **VB-G RAM** G (replacing the state **MGNREGA** component) effective **1** July **2026,** total outlay **₹29,619 crore**.
- Western Bhopal Bypass — **35.61 km** four-lane on Hybrid Annuity Model, **₹3,225.51 crore**.
- Mehlua–Bina–Khimlasa–Malthone — **67.116 km** four-lane, **₹2,776.83 crore**.
- **RGPV**, Bhopal restructured into three technology universities at Bhopal, Ujjain and Jabalpur.
- Dairy development **₹2,973 crore** with **NDDB**; medical upkeep **₹915.77 crore**.

**Concept:** Hybrid Annuity Model (**HAM**) — a **PPP** road-financing mix of **EPC** (**40%** govt) and annuity (**60%**) payments.

### MADHYA PRADESH Farmers to get daytime electricity for irrigation

- State to provide about **10 hours** of power a day for agricultural pumps.
- Aims to end night-time irrigation hardships for farmers.
- Backed by feeder-separation and expanding solar capacity.
- Part of MP's push as a farm-power surplus and solar-growth state.

**Concept:** Feeder separation — splitting agricultural and domestic feeders to ration and target farm power.

### MADHYA PRADESH Ladli Behna Yojana continues as MP's flagship women's DBT scheme

- Monthly assistance of **₹1,500** per eligible woman.
- Over **1.2 crore** women covered across the state.
- Amount paid via Direct Benefit Transfer (**DBT**) into bank accounts.
- Eligible women generally aged **21** and above (with scheme conditions).

**Concept: DBT** — routing subsidies directly to beneficiaries' Aadhaar-linked bank accounts to cut leakage.

### MADHYA PRADESH Record summer-moong procurement of 5.33 lakh tonnes

- **5.33 lakh tonnes** of summer moong procured (against ~**5.39 lakh tonnes** approved).
- Sharp rise from **3.93 lakh tonnes** procured in **2025** (about +**36%**).
- Procurement executed through central agencies **NAFED** and **NCCF**.
- Cabinet also raised the summer-moong procurement limit from **25%** to **60%** of output.

**Concept:** Price Support Scheme (**PSS**) — govt buys notified pulses/oilseeds at **MSP** when prices fall below it.

### MADHYA PRADESH Rabi 2026-27 wheat procurement price set at ₹2,600 per quintal

- Total procurement price **₹2,600**/quintal = **MSP ₹2,585** + state bonus **₹15**.
- MP is a leading wheat state, famous for **GI-**tagged Sharbati wheat.
- Soybean farmers supported via the Bhavantar route (about **₹5,328**/quintal value).
- Procurement to be handled through central cooperative agencies.

**Concept: MSP** — minimum support price announced by the Centre on **CACP** advice to insure farmers against price falls.

### ENVIRONMENT India's cheetah tally rises to 57 — MP the Cheetah & Tiger State

- India's cheetah population stands at **57**.
- **54** cheetahs at Kuno National Park (Sheopur); **3** at Gandhi Sagar (Mandsaur).
- Kuno hosted the world's first inter-continental cheetah translocation (Namibia, South Africa).
- MP is also India's 'Tiger State' with the largest tiger numbers and forest cover.

**Concept:** Reintroduction — releasing a species into its former range; cheetahs were declared extinct in India in **1952**.

### IR 26th SCO Summit concludes at Bishkek; Pakistan takes 2026-27 chair

- **SCO** has **10** member states, accounting for ~**25%** of global **GDP** and **40%**+ of world population.
- Summit adopted **28** documents on climate, nuclear safety and energy conservation.
- Lahore designated **SCO** Tourism and Cultural Capital; '**SCO** Plus' outreach format taken forward.
- India pressed 'zero double standards' on terrorism and sovereignty-first connectivity.

**Concept: SCO** — Eurasian security-economic bloc (est. **2001,** Shanghai); Secretariat in Beijing, **RATS** in Tashkent.

### ECONOMY RBI holds repo at 5.25%, lifts FY27 growth to 6.7%

- Repo rate held at **5.25%**; **SDF 5.00%**, **MSF** and Bank Rate **5.50%**.
- **FY27** real **GDP** growth raised to **6.7%** (from **6.6%**).
- **FY27 CPI** inflation forecast cut to **5.0%** (from **5.1%**).
- Stance kept 'neutral' amid global uncertainty and firm domestic demand.

**Concept:** Repo rate — rate at which **RBI** lends to banks against securities; the key policy lever for inflation.

### SCI-TECH ISRO launches EOS-05, its first geosynchronous imaging satellite

- **EOS-05** is a **2,367 kg** geosynchronous imaging satellite.
- Launched on the **GSLV-F17** vehicle from Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.
- Carries multispectral and hyperspectral imaging for wide-area monitoring.
- Boosts real-time watch on agriculture, water bodies and disasters.

**Concept:** Geosynchronous orbit — ~**35,786 km** altitude where a satellite's period matches Earth's rotation.

### DEFENCE Defence Ministry unveils 'RAKSHA' 10-year diplomacy framework

- Framework rests on four pillars: Strategic Partnerships, Capacity Building, Indigenous Exports, Maritime Security.
- Emphasises self-reliance (Atmanirbharta) in defence production.
- Complements record defence exports and 'Make in India' in defence.
- Kalyani (**KSSL**) and France's Thales also tied up for **70**mm laser-guided rockets in India.

**Concept:** Defence diplomacy — using military cooperation, exercises and exports to advance foreign-policy goals.

### POLITY Supreme Court: Bar Council has no disciplinary power over law students

- **BCI**'s powers under the Advocates Act begin only at bar enrolment.
- Arose from a protest case involving **NALSAR** law students.
- Court upheld freedom of speech and association of students.
- Reinforces limits on statutory regulators over non-members.

**Concept:** Bar Council of India — statutory body under the Advocates Act, **1961** regulating legal practice/education.

### REPORT Panel flags 40 crore Indians in healthcare's 'missing middle'

- **~40 crore** people fall in the 'missing middle' with no adequate health cover.
- Private sector delivers **60%+** inpatient and **70%+** outpatient care.
- Public health spending is ~**1.43%** of **GDP** against a **2.5%** target.
- Medicines account for roughly **30%** of health expenditure.

**Concept:** Out-of-pocket expenditure (**OOPE**) — direct health spending by households, a driver of medical poverty.

## Sunday, 6 September 2026

Full notes with diagrams: studyforgs.com/current-affairs/mppsc/2026-09-06.html

### MADHYA PRADESH Ladli Behna & Ladli Lakshmi schemes get five-year extension

- The **39th instalment** of **₹2,148 crore** was transferred to about **1.25 crore women** on **19 August 2026**.
- Monthly aid is currently **₹1,500**, with a **₹250 Raksha Bandhan bonus** added this cycle.
- Budget 2026-27 earmarks **₹23,882 crore** for Ladli Behna.
- The CM has set a roadmap to raise aid to **₹3,000 per month by 2028**.

**Concept:** DBT and the JAM trinity (Jan Dhan-Aadhaar-Mobile); Article 15(3) special provisions for women & children; 'Nari Shakti'-led development.

### MADHYA PRADESH MP Budget 2026-27: capital outlay crosses ₹1 lakh crore

- Total budget is **₹4,38,317 crore**; GSDP is estimated at **₹18.48 lakh crore**.
- Capital outlay tops **₹1 lakh crore** for the first time.
- Fiscal deficit is held at **3.87%** of GSDP, with a small revenue surplus.
- **Ken-Betwa Link** gets **₹44,000 crore**; agriculture gets **₹11,513 crore**.

**Concept:** Capital vs revenue expenditure; fiscal deficit and FRBM; GSDP; gender and child budgeting.

MADHYA PRADESH

### Four tribal crops of Madhya Pradesh win GI tags

- Tagged crops: **Sitahi Kutki**, **Nagdaman Kutki** (minor millets), **Baigani Arhar** (pigeon pea) and **Chhatriya Dhan** (paddy).
- They have been preserved for generations by the **Baiga tribe**, a **PVTG**, of **Dindori**.
- **Chhatriya Dhan** grows in the wetlands of **Jabalpur & Katni** and is prized for its aroma.
- The Kutki millets are **climate-resilient**; Baigani Arhar matures in just **5-6 months**.

**Concept:** GI is an IPR under the Geographical Indications Act, 1999; PVTG; millets ('Shree Anna'); agro-biodiversity.

ENVIRONMENT

### Kuno cheetahs thrive as MP holds Tiger- & Cheetah-State tag

- Kuno received **9 cheetahs (6 female, 3 male)** from **Botswana** in **February 2026**.
- The **first India-born cheetah** gave birth to **5 cubs** (November 2025).
- Cheetahs are being relocated to a second home at **Gandhi Sagar Sanctuary**.
- MP is the **'Tiger State'** with the most tigers and India's **largest forest cover**.

**Concept:** Project Cheetah (2022); IUCN reintroduction norms; Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972; MP reserves — Kanha, Bandhavgarh, Pench, Panna, Satpura.

ECONOMY

### MP sets ₹2,600 per quintal wheat price in Farmer Welfare Year

- Effective wheat price is **₹2,600 per quintal** — MSP **plus a state bonus**.
- About **1.90 million (19 lakh) farmers** are registered for MSP procurement.
- MP leads India in **wheat** (including **Sharbati**) and **soybean** — the 'Soybean State'.

**Concept:** MSP and CACP; PDS procurement; Sharbati wheat (GI); Narmada-valley agriculture.

POLITY

### SC nudges states to raise judges' retirement age to 62

- The bench was led by **CJI Surya Kant**; **5.18 crore** cases are pending in district courts.
- The enhancement to **62 years** is subject to a suitability review at age 60.
- **Seven states** including **Madhya Pradesh** agreed; others must decide within **two weeks**.

**Concept:** District judiciary (Articles 233-237); subordinate courts; separation of powers; judicial pendency.

ECONOMY

### New base year 2022-23 for national accounts; PPI to replace WPI

- The base year shifts from **2011-12 to 2022-23**.
- **PPI (Producer Price Index)** will replace **WPI** for GDP deflation.
- New **IIP** and a **Banking Services Price Index (BkSPI)** are introduced.
- The release covers final estimates for 2022-24 and provisional data for 2025-26.

**Concept:** GDP deflator; base-year revision; WPI vs CPI vs PPI; IIP; national-income aggregates.

SCI-TECH

### ISRO's GSLV-F17 lofts EOS-05, its heaviest Earth-observation satellite

- EOS-05 weighs **2,367 kg** — the heaviest **GSLV** payload so far.
- It targets a **geosynchronous** orbit near **36,000 km**, with a **9-year** mission life.
- This was the **19th GSLV** mission and ended an eight-month launch pause.

**Concept:** GSLV vs PSLV; GTO/GEO orbits; cryogenic upper stage; remote sensing and the EOS series.

### ENVIRONMENT UNEP: 1.5°C warming target 'definitively breached'

- Current warming is about **1.4°C**; the **1.5°C** target is breached.
- Under current policies, warming is projected near **2.6°C by 2100**.
- The new fallback: cap peak warming at **1.8°C**, then use **carbon dioxide removal**.

**Concept:** Paris Agreement; NDCs; net-zero; CDR (afforestation, BECCS, Direct Air Capture); overshoot.

### IR India to host BRICS Summit 2026 in New Delhi

- The **BRICS Summit** is scheduled for **12-13 September 2026** in New Delhi.
- It follows a **Doval-Wang Yi** meeting; India-China **corps-commander** border talks are lined up.
- BRICS has expanded well beyond its original five members.

**Concept:** BRICS (2009; +South Africa 2010; recent expansion); Global South; multipolarity; the Special Representative border mechanism.

### ECONOMY India's direct-tax buoyancy stays above 1 for a third year

- Direct-tax buoyancy was **1.39** in **2024-25**.
- It has stayed above **1** for the **third consecutive** year.
- This reflects better compliance and rising formalisation.

**Concept:** Tax buoyancy vs elasticity; direct vs indirect taxes; progressive taxation; the tax-to-GDP ratio.

## Monday, 7 September 2026

Full notes with diagrams: studyforgs.com/current-affairs/mppsc/2026-09-07.html

### MADHYA PRADESH MP Cabinet clears ~Rs 41,000 crore development-and-jobs package

- Total outlay of about **Rs 41,000 crore** spread across infrastructure, welfare and employment.
- Includes a large road-and-connectivity component (~**Rs 4,600 crore** class of works) to upgrade state highways.
- Aligned with the **MP Budget 2026-27** capex thrust and the **Global Investors Summit** investment pipeline.
- Approved a revised **Bhopal Western Bypass** and restructuring of **RGPV** (technical university).

**Concept:** Capital expenditure (capex) has a higher fiscal multiplier than revenue spending; state capex complements the Centre's 50-year interest-free loan scheme for states.

### MADHYA PRADESH 'Kavach' scheme revives credit for ~5,000 farmers; Rs 32,070 cr package cleared

- **Kavach**: state gives **Rs 25 crore** one-time equity support; Apex & District Co-op Banks add a **Rs 50 crore** relief fund.
- Restores farmers' eligibility for cooperative loans and linked welfare benefits.
- Package split: Health **Rs 26,777 cr**, Sports **Rs 2,460 cr**, Digital governance **Rs 1,099 cr**, Disease control **Rs 1,704 cr**.
- Also cleared a 4th time-bound pay scale for long-serving Tribal Affairs Dept teachers.

**Concept:** PACS (Primary Agricultural Credit Societies) are the ground-level tier of India's 3-tier short-term cooperative credit structure under NABARD refinance.

### ENVIRONMENT NGT cracks down on Bhopal's Bhoj Wetland (Ramsar site)

- **Bhoj Wetland** (Upper & Lower Lakes) is a **Ramsar site** since **2002**, the lifeline of Bhopal, the 'City of Lakes'.
- NGT directed removal of encroachments from wetland, **buffer zone** and impact area within **3 months**.
- The Upper Lake (Bada Talab) was built in the **11th century** by Raja Bhoj of Dhar.
- Wetlands are governed by the **Wetlands (Conservation & Management) Rules, 2017**.

**Concept:** The Ramsar Convention (1971) protects 'Wetlands of International Importance'; 'wise use' is its core principle. India has 90+ Ramsar sites.

### MADHYA PRADESH Soybean MSP fixed at Rs 4,892/quintal — MP the 'Soybean State'

- Soybean **MSP** for the season set at **Rs 4,892/quintal**; state procurement to open in the coming weeks.
- MP contributes the largest share of India's soybean output (**~40-45%**), centred on the Malwa plateau.
- Soybean is a **kharif oilseed**; MP also leads in gram/pulses and is a top wheat (incl. **Sharbati**) grower.
- A **Bhavantar**-style price-deficiency support is used when mandi prices slip below MSP.

**Concept:** MSP is recommended by the CACP and approved by the CCEA; oilseeds are strategic for cutting India's large edible-oil import bill.

### ENVIRONMENT Cheetah to move Kuno to Gandhi Sagar Sanctuary on Sept 17

- Relocation to **Gandhi Sagar** (Mandsaur-Neemuch) creates a second cheetah habitat besides **Kuno**.
- **Project Cheetah** (from **2022**) is the world's first intercontinental large-carnivore translocation.
- In Feb 2026 Kuno received **9 cheetahs** (6 female, 3 male) from **Botswana**; cubs have been born in India.
- MP is the **'Tiger State'** and 'Cheetah State', with the largest **forest cover** by area in India.

**Concept:** The cheetah (Acinonyx jubatus) is IUCN 'Vulnerable'; the Asiatic cheetah went extinct in India by 1952, prompting African cheetah reintroduction.

### SOCIETY MP gives Rs 304 crore laptop incentive to 1.21 lakh meritorious students

- **Rs 304 crore** transferred directly to **1.21 lakh** students scoring high marks in Class 12.
- Each eligible student receives **Rs 25,000** to buy a laptop, via **Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT)**.
- Part of MP's education-incentive suite alongside scooty and scholarship schemes.
- Complements the state's focus on digital literacy and human-capital formation.

**Concept:** DBT routes benefits through JAM (Jan Dhan-Aadhaar-Mobile), cutting leakage; human capital is central to a state's growth potential.

### ECONOMY GST collection Rs 1.99 lakh crore in August, up 14.8%

- Gross **GST** for August 2026 at **Rs 1.99 lakh crore**, up **14.8%** over a year earlier.
- Reflects strong festive-season demand and widening formalisation of the economy.
- GST is a **destination-based**, **dual** tax (CGST + SGST/UTGST; IGST on inter-state supply).
- Comes alongside **Q1 FY27 real GDP growth of 7.8%** (revised series).

**Concept:** The GST Council (Article 279A) is the federal body deciding rates; buoyancy above nominal GDP growth signals compliance gains.

### ECONOMY Japan's JCR upgrades India to 'A-', first rise in 35 years

- Rating raised from **BBB+** to **A-**; JCR projects India's GDP growth above **6%** for 2026-27.
- Gross **NPA** ratio noted to have fallen to about **1.8%** by March 2026.
- 'A-' moves India firmly into the **investment-grade 'A' band**, lowering perceived risk.
- Better ratings can cut overseas borrowing costs and draw more foreign capital.

**Concept:** Sovereign ratings gauge default risk; the big three global agencies are S&P, Moody's and Fitch, with JCR a leading Japanese agency.

### POLITY Supreme Court expands RBI power over co-operative bank boards

- Court allowed board supersession **beyond six months** for multi-state co-operative banks.
- Flows from the **Banking Regulation (Amendment) Act, 2020** bringing co-op banks under RBI.
- Aims to protect **depositors** and financial stability in weak cooperative banks.
- Co-operatives are a **State subject**; the **97th Constitutional Amendment (2011)** added Part IX-B.

**Concept:** Article 43-B (DPSP) promotes cooperative societies; dual control of urban co-op banks (RBI + Registrar) has long been a governance challenge.

### IR India-China hold Corps Commander talks in Arunachal

- First **Corps Commander-level** talks in the eastern sector, at **Wacha-Damai, Arunachal Pradesh**.
- Part of a broader push to de-escalate along the **LAC** after recent disengagement steps.
- China claims Arunachal as 'South Tibet'; India firmly rejects the claim.
- Border peace is guided by mechanisms like **WMCC** and Special Representatives dialogue.

**Concept:** The LAC (not a demarcated boundary) separates Indian- and Chinese-controlled areas in three sectors: western, middle and eastern.

ECONOMY **Cabinet clears 'Samudra Manthan' offshore exploration scheme**

- **Samudra Manthan** Phase-I outlay ~**Rs 84,084 crore** for offshore hydrocarbon and mineral exploration.
- Targets resources within India's **Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ)** and continental shelf.
- Advances **energy security** and the **Blue Economy** agenda; cuts import dependence.
- Complements Deep Ocean Mission and offshore mineral auction reforms.

**Concept:** The EEZ extends 200 nautical miles from the baseline under UNCLOS, giving India rights over living and non-living resources.

## Tuesday, 8 September 2026

Full notes with diagrams: studyforgs.com/current-affairs/mppsc/2026-09-08.html

MADHYA PRADESH **MP Cabinet clears ₹41,000 crore package for jobs, roads and rural growth**

- New rural livelihood scheme **'VB–G RAM G'** (state-level replacement of **MGNREGA**) with a **₹29,619 crore** outlay, effective **1 July 2026**
- **Western Bhopal Bypass** — **35.61 km**, four-lane — sanctioned at **₹3,225.51 crore**
- Mehlua–Bina–Khimlasa–Malthone four-lane road (**67.1 km**) at **₹2,776.83 crore**
- **Rajiv Gandhi Proudyogiki Vishwavidyalaya** restructured into three universities — **Bhopal, Ujjain, Jabalpur**
- Summer **moong** Price Support Scheme procurement limit raised from **25% to 60%**; **₹2,973 crore** dairy plan with **NDDB**

**Concept:** **MGNREGA (2005)** guarantees **100 days'** wage employment per rural household; the **Price Support Scheme (PSS)** procures notified pulses/oilseeds at **MSP** through central nodal agencies.

ENVIRONMENT **MP eyes 1,000+ tigers and plans to introduce rhinos**

- MP recorded **785 tigers** in the **2022** all-India estimation — the **highest** of any state
- State now has **9 tiger reserves**, including the newly notified **Ratapani** and **Veerangana Durgavati** reserves
- **Rhino** introduction planned; **wild buffalo** already reintroduced and **gharial** numbers strengthened in the **Chambal**
- **Kanha, Bandhavgarh, Pench, Panna and Satpura** are among the flagship reserves

**Concept:** **Tiger Reserves** are notified under the **Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972** on a **core–buffer** model and monitored by the **NTCA**.

MADHYA PRADESH **MP pushes forest tourism and homestays to lift tribal incomes**

- MP has India's **largest Scheduled Tribe population**; **PESA** rules empower **Gram Sabhas** over minor forest produce
- The homestay and eco-tourism model links **wildlife-tourism revenue** to local livelihoods
- MP has the country's **largest recorded forest cover** by area

**Concept:** The **PESA Act, 1996** extends Panchayati Raj to **Fifth Schedule** (tribal) areas; MP notified its state **PESA Rules** in **2022**.

### ENVIRONMENT Project Cheetah expands from Kuno to Gandhi Sagar in MP

- Cheetahs were sourced from **Namibia** and **South Africa**; **wild-born cubs** have been born on Indian soil
- **Kuno National Park** lies in **Sheopur** district; **Gandhi Sagar** Sanctuary spans the **Mandsaur–Neemuch** belt
- The cheetah is the world's **fastest land animal** and was declared **extinct in India in 1952**

> **Concept: Project Cheetah (2022)** is a species reintroduction under an MoU, coordinated by the **NTCA** and the **Wildlife Institute of India**.

### ECONOMY PM dedicates Western Dedicated Freight Corridor sections

- The **WDFC** runs from **Dadri (Uttar Pradesh)** to **Jawaharlal Nehru Port** near Mumbai
- Freight corridors **separate goods traffic from passenger lines**, cutting transit time and logistics cost
- The sections were dedicated on **8 September 2026**

> **Concept: DFCCIL**, a PSU under the Ministry of Railways, builds the **Eastern** and **Western** Dedicated Freight Corridors.

### DEFENCE Defence Acquisition Council clears ~₹1.10 lakh crore procurement

- Items include **CBRN reconnaissance vehicles**, radars, **advanced light helicopters**, marine gas turbines and bridging/mine-laying systems
- The DAC is chaired by the **Raksha Mantri (Defence Minister)**
- There is a strong emphasis on **indigenous sourcing** under **Atmanirbhar Bharat**

> **Concept: Acceptance of Necessity (AoN)** is the DAC's first approval step under the **Defence Acquisition Procedure (DAP 2020)**.

### ECONOMY RBI drains over ₹6 lakh crore as banking surplus swells

- Overnight and **30-day VRRR** auctions were used to mop up excess liquidity
- The **repo rate** was held at **5.25%** with a neutral stance; **SDF at 5.00%, MSF at 5.50%**
- Persistent surplus liquidity can **stoke inflation** if left unabsorbed

> **Concept: VRRR** is a **Liquidity Adjustment Facility (LAF)** tool to absorb funds; the **SDF** is the floor and the **MSF** the ceiling of the LAF corridor.

### ECONOMY Japan Credit Rating Agency upgrades India to 'A–'

- The upgrade was announced on **2 September 2026**
- An **'A–'** rating signals a **stronger assessed ability to repay** sovereign debt
- It follows a broader improvement in agencies' view of India's **macro fundamentals**

> **Concept:** Sovereign credit ratings assess a government's **default risk**; the three global majors are **Moody's, S&P and Fitch**.

### IR Defence Minister visits Sri Lanka under 'Neighbourhood First'

- The visit reinforces India's **'Neighbourhood First'** and **SAGAR** vision in the Indian Ocean
- **Maritime security** and training cooperation featured on the agenda

**Concept:** **'Neighbourhood First'** prioritises immediate neighbours; **SAGAR = Security and Growth for All in the Region**.

### IR 18th BRICS Summit to be hosted in New Delhi

- BRICS groups **Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa**, plus newer members
- **Bharat Mandapam** also hosted the **2023 G20 Summit**
- Focus areas include trade, the **de-dollarisation** debate and **Global South** priorities

**Concept:** BRICS runs the **New Development Bank (HQ Shanghai)** and a **Contingent Reserve Arrangement (CRA)**.

## Wednesday, 9 September 2026

Full notes with diagrams: studyforgs.com/current-affairs/mppsc/2026-09-09.html

### MADHYA PRADESH MP wins ADB's first India renewable-energy PPP mandate

- Aims to mobilise up to **USD 1 billion** of private investment in clean energy.
- Backs MP's push in **solar, wind and pumped-hydro storage** — building on the **Rewa Ultra Mega Solar** legacy.
- The **PPP** route lets the state de-risk projects and **crowd-in private capital**.

**Concept:** **PPP** = shared-risk public-private model; India targets **500 GW non-fossil capacity by 2030**.

### MADHYA PRADESH Passenger Transport Vision Summit 2026 opens in Indore

- Six themes incl. **PPP-based mobility**, **Intelligent Transport Management Systems** and **integrated ticketing**.
- Proposes running bus services on a **100% PPP model** with **electric and hydrogen** fleets.
- To frame a **Mobility Vision 2030** roadmap with **AI-based route planning**.

**Concept:** Links to **PM e-Bus Sewa**, **FAME** and **sustainable urban mobility**.

### MADHYA PRADESH MP Cabinet clears ~₹41,000-crore development package

- **Viksit Bharat–VB-G RAM G** rural scheme: **₹29,619 crore** (₹3,183 cr for 2026-27).
- **Western Bhopal Bypass** (35.61 km, four-lane) approved with the Mehlua–Bina–Khimlasa corridor.
- **RGPV split into three technology universities** — Bhopal, Ujjain, Jabalpur; **₹2,973 cr dairy** tie-up with **NDDB**.

**Concept:** **MGNREGA-linked** rural works; **NDDB** = National Dairy Development Board (Operation Flood legacy).

### MADHYA PRADESH MP consolidates its Tiger & Wildlife State status

- **Madhav** became MP's **9th tiger reserve** (after **Ratapani**, the 8th); MP has India's **highest tiger count (785)**.
- **Project Cheetah** population rises to **~57**; new homes at **Gandhi Sagar** & **Nauradehi**.
- Wildlife-death **compensation raised to ₹25 lakh**; **₹47.11 cr** elephant-management plan approved.

**Concept: Project Cheetah** launched **17 Sept 2022** at **Kuno (Sheopur)**; MP has India's **largest recorded forest cover**.

### POLITY India hosts the BRICS Chief Justices' Forum

- **CJI Surya Kant** held bilateral meetings with judicial leaders of **10 countries**.
- Focus on **judicial cooperation, mediation and arbitration** for cross-border disputes.
- Comes amid India's wider **BRICS** engagements in September 2026.

**Concept: BRICS** has expanded (Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, UAE, etc.); India holds the **2026 presidency**.

### DEFENCE DAC clears ~₹1.10 lakh crore in defence acquisitions

- Proposals span the **Army, Navy and Air Force** to boost combat readiness.
- **AoN** is the **first step** in India's capital-procurement process.
- Reinforces the **Aatmanirbhar Bharat** push for indigenous defence manufacturing.

**Concept: DAC** is the **apex** defence-procurement body under the Defence Minister; **AoN** precedes RFP/trials.

### ENVIRONMENT NITI Aayog launches PACT & Zero-Emission Truck marketplace

- **PACT** = **Platform for Aggregating Clean Transport** — pools freight demand.
- Connects **e-truck makers** with logistics providers to speed adoption.
- Targets decarbonising **road freight**, a major diesel and emissions source.

**Concept:** Supports India's **net-zero-by-2070** goal and cleaner **logistics (PM Gati Shakti)**.

### SOCIETY India's UNESCO tentative list rises to 73 sites

- New entries incl. **Rangpur-Sivasagar** (Assam), **Colonial Penal Settlement** (Andaman) and **Shekhawati painted havelis** (Rajasthan).
- Tentative listing is a **precondition** for final World Heritage nomination.
- India already has **43 inscribed** World Heritage Sites.

**Concept:** MP's **3 World Heritage Sites**: **Khajuraho, Sanchi, Bhimbetka**; UNESCO estd **1945**.

### SCI-TECH India joins the global Call to Action for 6G Leadership

- Aligns with the **Bharat 6G Mission**, targeting **6G leadership by 2030**.
- Commits to **secure, interoperable** next-gen telecom standards.
- Builds on India's fast **5G rollout** and rising patent share.

**Concept: 6G** ~ terahertz, ultra-low latency; **Bharat 6G Alliance** drives R&D and IPR.

## Thursday, 10 September 2026

Full notes with diagrams: studyforgs.com/current-affairs/mppsc/2026-09-10.html

### ENVIRONMENT NAMAN Mission approved to rejuvenate the Narmada; ₹1.46 lakh cr welfare outlay

- **NAMAN Mission** = **N**irmal **E**vam **A**viral **Maa Nar**mada; targets pollution control, afforestation & flow security of the **Narmada**.
- The **Narmada** is MP's lifeline — India's largest **west-flowing** river, rising at **Amarkantak** (Anuppur).
- Welfare package: **Ladli Behna ₹1,14,365 cr**, **Ladli Laxmi ₹16,326 cr**, health **₹11,835 cr**, PMMVY **₹2,138 cr**.
- Outlay period: **2026-27 to 2030-31** (five years).

> **Concept:** Narmada flows through a **rift valley** between the **Vindhya & Satpura** ranges and drains into the **Gulf of Khambhat** (Arabian Sea).

### MADHYA PRADESH ₹41,000 cr Cabinet package: three new tech universities, dairy push, moong relief

- **₹29,619 cr** for the **Viksit Bharat – Rozgar & Ajeevika Mission (Gramin)** (60:40 centre-state).
- Three new tech universities at **Bhopal, Ujjain and Jabalpur** (easing load on **RGPV**, ~3.83 lakh students).
- About **₹2,973 cr** for milk producers; **₹1,547 cr** to expand dairy processing.
- Summer **moong** procurement at MSP raised from **25% to 60%** of production.

> **Concept: MSP** is recommended by the **CACP** (Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices) and approved by the **CCEA**.

### MADHYA PRADESH Ladli Behna Yojana: 40th installment of ₹1,500 to reach 1.27 crore women

- Monthly transfer stepped up from **₹1,000** towards a promised **₹3,000**.
- Eligibility age was lowered to **21–23 years**; benefit via **DBT** to women's accounts.
- Five-year outlay budgeted at **₹1,14,365 crore** (largest single welfare head).
- Companion scheme: **Ladli Laxmi Yojana** for the girl child.

> **Concept: DBT** uses the **JAM trinity** (Jan Dhan – Aadhaar – Mobile) to cut leakages in welfare delivery.

### ENVIRONMENT Project Cheetah crosses 57 cheetahs; 4th anniversary on 17 September

- Population: **Kuno 54** (17 free-ranging, 37 in soft bomas) + **Gandhi Sagar 3** = **57**.
- World's **only intercontinental** large-carnivore translocation; sources: **Namibia, South Africa, Botswana**.
- Launched at **Kuno on 17 Sep 2022**; **Gandhi Sagar** (Neemuch–Mandsaur) is the second home.
- MP is India's **'Tiger State'** with the **largest forest cover** by area.

> **Concept:** The **cheetah** (Acinonyx jubatus) is **IUCN Vulnerable**; the Asiatic cheetah went extinct in India by **1952**.

### POLITY MP High Court reaffirms the 50% reservation ceiling

- Context: proposal to raise **OBC reservation from 14% to 27%**, which would cross **50%**.
- Court barred promoting more than **50%** from reserved categories pending final decision.
- Relied on the Supreme Court's **Indra Sawhney (1992)** ruling on the 50% cap.
- Next hearing listed for **1 December**; linked to pending Supreme Court matters.

**Concept: Indra Sawhney v. Union of India (1992)** capped reservations at **50%** save 'extraordinary' situations, and barred quota in promotions (later modified).

### ECONOMY PM dedicates Western Dedicated Freight Corridor; transit cut to ~14 hours

- WDFC spans **~1,506 km** from **Dadri (UP)** to **JNPT (Maharashtra)**.
- Freight transit cut from **~6 days to ~14 hours**; speeds up from **25 to 100 km/h**.
- Newly dedicated stretch: **~326 route-km**, costing **₹20,700+ crore**.
- Cabinet also cleared **multi-tracking railway projects** to decongest trunk routes.

**Concept:** India runs two DFCs — **Western (freight to ports)** and **Eastern (coal/heavy haul)** — under **DFCCIL**.

### ECONOMY RBI acts to defend the rupee; forex reserves near $694 billion

- RBI reportedly sold **~$8 billion** to support the rupee.
- Forex reserves near **$694 billion** — among the world's largest.
- Rupee down **~4% year-on-year** against the US dollar.
- India–US bilateral trade is about **$200 billion** (FY26).

**Concept:** The **RBI** targets **CPI inflation at 4% (±2%)** under a flexible inflation-targeting framework; Governor **Sanjay Malhotra**.

### ECONOMY MSP for Kharif 2026-27 raised; soybean up ~7% — key for MP

- **Soybean** MSP raised ~**7%** to about **₹5,328/quintal**.
- MSP hikes cleared for **14 Kharif crops** on a cost-plus formula.
- MP leads India in **soybean, gram (chana) and pulses** output.
- MP is also a top producer of **wheat** (incl. GI-tagged **Sharbati**).

**Concept:** MSP aims to give farmers at least **1.5x the A2+FL cost of production** for notified crops.

### SCI-TECH ORV Sagar Manthan launched for the Deep Ocean Mission

- Built for the **Ministry of Earth Sciences**' Deep Ocean Mission (**₹4,077 crore**).
- Capabilities: deep-sea research, **polymetallic nodule** exploration, biodiversity surveys.
- To be operated by the **NIOT** (National Institute of Ocean Technology).
- Complements the crewed submersible programme **Samudrayaan / Matsya-6000**.

**Concept: Polymetallic nodules** are potato-sized deposits rich in **manganese, nickel, cobalt & copper** on the ocean floor.

### IR India–US trade deal nears finalization

- Bilateral trade is around **$200 billion** (FY26); the US is a top trade partner.
- Key sectors: **pharmaceuticals, agriculture, steel and digital services**.
- A deal could ease tariff frictions and expand market access.
- Feeds into India's broader FTA strategy (UK, EU talks in progress).

> **Concept:** A **Free Trade Agreement (FTA)** lowers tariffs/quotas between partners; deeper versions cover services, investment & IPR.

### SOCIETY Rangpur-Sivasagar (Ahom) added to UNESCO Tentative List

- Key monuments: **Rang Ghar (1746)**, **Kareng Ghar (1752)**, **Sivasagar Shivadol**.
- **Ahom Kingdom (1228–1826)** resisted repeated Mughal invasions.
- India has **42 UNESCO World Heritage sites** and **52** on the Tentative List.
- MP's own World Heritage sites: **Khajuraho, Sanchi, Bhimbetka**.

> **Concept:** The **World Heritage Convention (1972)** is administered by **UNESCO**; India ratified it in **1977**.

## Friday, 11 September 2026

Full notes with diagrams: studyforgs.com/current-affairs/mppsc/2026-09-11.html

### MADHYA PRADESH MP Cabinet clears ₹41,000 cr package; VB-GRAM-G replaces MGNREGA model

- New **Viksit Bharat VB-GRAM-G** rural scheme (state model replacing **MGNREGA** delivery) — outlay **₹29,619 crore**; effective **1 July 2026**.
- **₹3,183 crore** earmarked for **2026-27**; balance staggered up to **2030-31**.
- **Western Bhopal Bypass** — **35.61 km** four-lane, **₹3,225 crore** (+₹548 cr pre-work).
- **RGPV, Bhopal** split into **3** technology/skill universities (Bhopal, Ujjain, Jabalpur).
- **Moong** procurement limit under Price Support Scheme raised **25% → 60%**; dairy dev **₹2,973 cr**.

> **Concept:** **MGNREGA (2005)** guarantees 100 days' wage employment; states may run parallel schemes. **PSS** procures pulses/oilseeds at **MSP**.

### MADHYA PRADESH Yaatri Parivahan Vision Summit 2026 opens in Indore

- Rolls out **CM Sugam Transport Service** via **MP Yatri Parivahan & Infrastructure Ltd (MPYPIL)**.
- Focus on **PPP models**, **green/clean-fuel** buses and integrated **IT ticketing**.
- New MPYPIL logo, scheme booklet, a mobility **startup hackathon** and an industry expo.
- **8 sessions** on safe, smart, pollution-free transport and financial sustainability.
- Led by Transport Minister **Uday Pratap Singh**; major bus, IT and finance firms participate.

> **Concept:** **PPP** shares risk between state and private operators; aligns with the EV push and clean-air goals.

### SOCIETY Ladli Behna Yojana wins 5-year extension; September instalment released

- **₹1,500/month** to eligible women via **DBT**; roughly **1.25 crore+** beneficiaries.
- Cabinet cleared a **5-year extension** of Ladli Behna and Ladli Lakshmi schemes.
- Each monthly transfer is about **₹1,500 crore**; instalments have crossed the **39th-40th** round.
- Aims at financial autonomy, nutrition and women's workforce participation.
- Social-security pensions are transferred alongside the same day.

**Concept: DBT** curbs leakage via Aadhaar-linked transfers; a women-centric conditional-cash welfare model.

### ENVIRONMENT Project Cheetah: India's cheetahs reach 53 at Kuno; Gandhi Sagar as second home

- India's cheetah population reached **53** after **five cubs** born at **Kuno NP** (Sheopur).
- Cheetahs were sourced from **Namibia (2022)**, **South Africa** and **Botswana**.
- **Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary** (Mandsaur-Neemuch) prepared as the **second home**.
- MP is the **Tiger State (785 tigers)** and now the **Cheetah State**.
- Kuno lies in the **Chambal** landscape of northern MP.

**Concept: Project Cheetah (2022)** — the world's first inter-continental large-carnivore translocation; cheetah is IUCN **Vulnerable**.

### ECONOMY MP woos global investors at AIM Congress 2026, Dubai

- Builds on the **Global Investors Summit (GIS) 2025, Bhopal** — record ~**₹26.6 lakh crore** intentions.
- Pitch to **Gulf** investors; met the **Choithram Group** on farm-produce exports.
- Priority sectors: **food processing**, agriculture, industry and renewable energy.
- MP leverages **industrial corridors** and single-window clearances.
- As the **'Soybean State'**, MP eyes global markets for soybean, wheat and pulses.

**Concept: GIS** is MP's flagship investment platform, complementing central **Make in India** and PLI schemes.

### ECONOMY Western Dedicated Freight Corridor fully commissioned; big rail push

- Final **3 WDFC sections** worth over **₹20,700 crore**; the **JNPT (Mumbai)-Dadri (UP)** freight route.
- Cabinet cleared **8 rail multitracking** projects worth **₹20,804 crore** across **9 states**.
- Benefits about **2,121 villages** and roughly **52 lakh** people.
- Foundations laid for **3 rail projects (₹9,700 cr)** and **3 NH projects (₹1,780 cr)**.
- Cuts logistics cost and supports **PM Gati Shakti**.

**Concept:** A **DFC** is a freight-only dedicated track; part of the **National Logistics Policy** goal to cut logistics cost to global levels.

### POLITY Forest Rights Act: fresh tussle over Gram Sabha consent

- Memo states the ministry has **no role** in mandating Gram Sabha consent at **Stage-II** forest clearance.
- The **Niyamgiri judgment (2013)** upheld **free, prior and informed consent**.
- About **3,05,945 hectares** were diverted (2008-23) with compliance gaps.
- Highly relevant to MP — home to **India's largest tribal population**.
- Rooted in **FRA 2006** and **PESA 1996**.

> **Concept:** **FRA 2006** recognises individual and community forest rights; **PESA 1996** empowers Gram Sabhas in Scheduled Areas.

### POLITY Ladakh autonomy: directly elected body proposed

- Ladakh has been a **UT without a legislature** since the **2019** reorganization.
- Demands include **statehood** and **Sixth Schedule** protection.
- The proposal echoes **Article 371**-type special provisions.
- It seeks to address tribal and cultural safeguards.
- A written draft is yet to be shared.

> **Concept:** The **Sixth Schedule** protects tribal areas via Autonomous District Councils; **Article 371** grants special provisions to certain states.

### SCI-TECH ORV Sagar Manthan launched under Deep Ocean Mission

- **ORV Sagar Manthan** — cost **₹840 crore**, built by **GRSE**, with a 30-year service life.
- Replaces **ORV Sagar Kanya (1983)**; delivery scheduled by **2028**.
- Part of the **Deep Ocean Mission** (Vertical-4 component).
- Supports ocean survey and blue-economy research.
- Launched by Union Minister **Dr Jitendra Singh**.

> **Concept:** The **Deep Ocean Mission (2021)** explores deep-sea minerals and biodiversity; **Samudrayaan** is its manned submersible.

### HEALTH Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2026 under way; 10 years of PMMVY

- **9th edition** of Rashtriya Poshan Maah; theme '**Hamari Anganwadi, Hamari Jimmedari**'.
- Observed **9 September - 8 October 2026**.
- Marks the **10-year** milestone of **PMMVY** (Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana).
- Focuses on anganwadi services, maternal and child nutrition.
- Anchored by the Women & Child Development Ministry.

> **Concept:** **POSHAN Abhiyaan (2018)** targets stunting, wasting, anaemia and low birth weight; **PMMVY** is a maternity cash-benefit scheme.

## Saturday, 12 September 2026

Full notes with diagrams: studyforgs.com/current-affairs/mppsc/2026-09-12.html

MADHYA PRADESH **MP launches ‘Sugam Parivahan’ bus network; Transport Vision Summit in Indore**

- New scheme **‘Mukhyamantri Sugam Parivahan Bus Seva’** to launch on **25 September 2026**.
- Run by **MP Passenger Transport & Infrastructure Ltd (MPYPIL)** on a **PPP model**.
- Route surveys done in all **55 districts**: about **150 city**, **450 inter-city** and **436 inter-state** routes.
- MP has ~**5 lakh km** of roads; priority to **electric & CNG** buses with **CCTV, GPS, panic buttons**.
- **MoU with Rapido** for first/last-mile links; **MP Mobility Innovation Challenge 2026** launched.

**Concept:** **PPP** = Public-Private Partnership; e-mobility supports India's net-zero and **PM E-DRIVE** push; last-mile connectivity drives public-transport uptake.

ENVIRONMENT **Female cheetah ‘Dheera’ to move to Gandhi Sagar as Project Cheetah turns 3**

- **Kuno NP** (**Sheopur** district) is India's first cheetah home; **Project Cheetah** began in **Sep 2022**.
- **Gandhi Sagar Sanctuary** (**Mandsaur–Neemuch**, on the **Chambal** river) is the **second** cheetah site.
- Two **South African** males were moved to Gandhi Sagar about five months earlier.
- MP is India's **‘Tiger State’** and **‘Cheetah State’**, with the **largest forest cover** by area.

**Concept:** Cheetah (*Acinonyx jubatus*) — **IUCN Vulnerable**, **CITES Appendix I**; world's only intercontinental large-carnivore reintroduction.

ECONOMY **MP to build 11 plug-and-play industrial parks under BHAVYA scheme**

- Parks planned in **Ujjain, Dhar, Dewas-Shajapur, Ratlam, Sehore, Sagar, Guna, Gwalior, Jabalpur, Katni, Rewa**.
- Combined **DPR cost ~₹8,144 crore**; sectors — pharma, autos, semiconductors, renewables, IT/ITeS.
- **BHAVYA** national outlay **₹33,660 crore**; targets **100 plug-and-play parks** (2026-27 to 2031-32).
- **Bhensola park (Dhar)** to expand the **PM MITRA** textile hub; women-friendly facilities planned.

**Concept:** **PM MITRA** = Mega Integrated Textile Region & Apparel parks; industrial corridors under **NICDIT** anchor manufacturing-led growth.

SOCIETY **Ladli Behna Yojana: monthly ₹1,500 credited to ~1.25 crore sisters**

- About **1.25 crore** women beneficiaries across MP receive money **directly to bank accounts (DBT)**.
- Scheme launched in **2023**; aims at women's economic independence, nutrition and financial inclusion.
- Runs alongside **Ladli Behna Awas Yojana** for housing support.

**Concept:** **DBT** routes benefits via **Aadhaar-linked** accounts (the **JAM** trinity), cutting intermediaries and ghost beneficiaries.

### SOCIETY MP fast-tracks Simhastha-2028 preparations at Ujjain

- **₹2,000 crore** allocated in the state budget for Simhastha preparations.
- Plans for an eco-friendly ‘Green Kumbh’ and a large **pilgrim database** from Shravan 2026.
- Ujjain hosts the **Mahakaleshwar Jyotirlinga**; Simhastha recurs every **12 years**.

> **Concept:** The four **Kumbh** sites are **Prayagraj, Haridwar, Nashik and Ujjain**; Ujjain's fair is called **Simhastha**.

### POLITY Centre launches DILRMP 3.0 with 14-digit ‘Bhu-Aadhaar’ for land parcels

- **Bhu-Aadhaar** is a **14-digit ULPIN** (Unique Land Parcel Identification Number).
- Five pillars: **Bhu-Aadhaar, Registration Seva Kendras, RCCMS, NAKSHA (urban survey), UrPro cards**.
- **100% central funding** with performance-linked releases; speeds **KCC**, crop insurance and farm loans.

> **Concept:** **ULPIN** geo-tags each parcel; **DILRMP** is run by the Dept. of Land Resources, **Ministry of Rural Development**.

### POLITY ECI flags regulatory gaps in unrecognised political parties (RUPPs)

- Six Gujarat-based RUPPs received **₹1,700 crore** donations (FY24) while fielding only **15 candidates**.
- Over **2,800 RUPPs** exist; only about **750** contested the **2024 Lok Sabha** polls.
- RUPPs get **100% income-tax exemption** under **Section 13A**; the ECI lacks de-registration power.

> **Concept:** RUPPs register under **Sec 29A, RP Act 1951**; **INC v. Institute of Social Welfare (2002)** limits ECI de-registration.

### IR BRICS adopts ‘Chennai Declaration’ on science, tech & innovation

- Focus areas: **AI, high-performance computing, quantum, biotech, renewables, ocean & polar science**.
- Advances **BRICS GRAIN** (shared research facilities) and the **Young Scientist Forum**.
- Aligns technology access with **Global South** priorities.

> **Concept:** **BRICS** — Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa plus new members; India holds the **2026 chair**.

### DEFENCE India–US ‘Yudh Abhyas 2026’ military exercise underway

- Venues: **Bikaner (Rajasthan)** and **Auli (Uttarakhand)**.
- Includes a **Command Post Exercise, Field Training Exercise** and **live-fire** drills.
- Enhances interoperability and counter-terrorism cooperation.

> **Concept:** **Yudh Abhyas** is the India-US army exercise; **Vajra Prahar** is the India-US special-forces drill.

### SCI-TECH ISRO successfully hot-tests CE20 cryogenic engine for Gaganyaan

- Engine operated at **220 kN** thrust; propellants are **Liquid Oxygen + Liquid Hydrogen**.
- Powers the **upper stage of LVM3** and the **Gaganyaan** human-spaceflight mission.
- Reaffirms India's indigenous cryogenic capability.

> **Concept: Cryogenic** engines burn super-cooled liquid fuels for high efficiency; **LVM3** is ISRO's heavy-lift rocket.

### HEALTH India at 79th WHO South-East Asia session; 'Dili Declaration' on health workforce

- Adopted the **'Dili Declaration on Human Resources for Health'**.
- India recognised for **Maternal & Neonatal Tetanus elimination**.
- **94 million** people screened for **hypertension & diabetes** (against a 75-million target).

> **Concept: WHO SEARO** is one of WHO's six regional offices (HQ in New Delhi); India is a member state.

## Tuesday, 15 September 2026

Full notes with diagrams: studyforgs.com/current-affairs/mppsc/2026-09-15.html

### MADHYA PRADESH MP Cabinet clears ₹41,000 crore development package

- **Viksit Bharat — VB-GRAM-G** rural scheme cleared with a total outlay of **₹29,619 crore** (2026-31).
- **Western Bhopal Bypass** (35.61 km, 4-lane) and the **Mehlua-Bina-Khimlasa-Malthone** road (67.1 km) approved.
- **₹2,973 crore dairy plan** with the **National Dairy Development Board (NDDB)**.
- Summer **moong procurement** limit raised from **25% to 60%**; Rajiv Gandhi Proudyogiki Vishwavidyalaya split into **3 tech universities** (Bhopal, Ujjain, Jabalpur).

> **Concept:** DBT vs capex; cooperative federalism (NDDB); MSP & procurement mechanics; state technical education reform.

### SOCIETY Ladli Behna's 40th installment reaches 1.25 crore women

- **₹1,500** transferred to each of **1,25,22,542** (≈**1.25 crore**) eligible women via **DBT**.
- Monthly outlay is roughly **₹1,878 crore**.
- August's payout was **₹1,750** as it carried a one-time **₹250 Raksha Bandhan** gift; September reverts to the base ₹1,500.
- The scheme targets women's **financial empowerment** and household nutrition.

> **Concept:** Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT); gender budgeting; Article 15(3) enabling special provisions for women.

### ECONOMY Wheat MSP for Rabi 2026-27 fixed at ₹2,600/quintal

- Price = **Union MSP ₹2,585** + **state bonus ₹15** = **₹2,600/quintal**.
- **NCCF** to handle procurement; last season paid ≈**₹16,000 crore** for **77 lakh tonnes** of wheat.
- Under the **Bhavantar** support, **soybean** farmers get an effective **₹5,328/quintal**.
- MP is the **'Soybean State'** (≈**45% of India's output**) and grows GI-tagged **Sharbati wheat**.

**Concept:** MSP & CACP; price-deficiency (Bhavantar) model; GI tags; procurement via cooperatives (NCCF).

### ENVIRONMENT Project Cheetah nears 4 years; Kuno→Gandhi Sagar expansion continues

- First **8 cheetahs from Namibia** (2022) and **12 from South Africa** (2023) were released at **Kuno NP, Sheopur district**.
- Cheetahs **Prabhash and Pavak** were the first shifted to **Gandhi Sagar (Mandsaur-Neemuch)** in 2025.
- The programme has recorded **India-born (second-generation) cubs**.
- A second habitat spreads **ecological risk** and supports a viable meta-population.

**Concept:** Species reintroduction; IUCN status; MP protected areas (Kuno, Kanha, Bandhavgarh, Pench, Panna, Satpura).

### MADHYA PRADESH Ujjain plans world-record lamp-lighting at Mahakal on Sep 17

- About **58 lakh (5.8 million) lamps** to be lit simultaneously at **7 pm** across gram panchayats and urban wards.
- Named **'Ashirwad Ka Diya'**, framed as gratitude for **25 years of public service**.
- Launches the month-long **Seva-Sankalp Campaign** (Sep 17 – Oct 17).
- Ujjain hosts the **Mahakaleshwar Jyotirlinga** and the twelve-yearly **Simhastha Kumbh**.

**Concept:** Jyotirlingas; Kumbh/Simhastha; cultural tourism economy; MP's temple-heritage circuit.

### POLITY Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 2026 to take effect from Oct 1

- Comes into force on **October 1, 2026**, replacing the **1891 Act**.
- Provides a **technology-neutral** framework for treating electronic bank records as evidence.
- Aligns banking evidence rules with the new criminal-law and digital ecosystem.

**Concept:** Rules of evidence; digitisation of legal processes; colonial-era law reform.

### ECONOMY Global Fintech Fest 2026: RBI names 2nd fintech SRO; SEBI's Demat 2.0

- **RBI** recognised the **Unified Fintech Forum (UFF)** as a **second Self-Regulatory Organisation (SRO)** for fintech.
- **SEBI** launched a **Demat 2.0** pilot for **tokenised corporate bonds**.
- PM Modi inaugurated the event (Sep 8-11); it is among the world's largest fintech gatherings.

**Concept:** SRO model; asset tokenisation; RBI-SEBI regulatory perimeter; digital public infrastructure.

### IR Rajnath Singh's Sri Lanka visit — first by a Defence Minister in ~40 years

- Visit spanned **Sep 8-10, 2026**; **three MoUs** signed on **air-defence, military education and youth cooperation**.
- **Three Bailey Bridges** were inaugurated as part of India's assistance.
- Reinforces India's **'Neighbourhood First'** and maritime security in the Indian Ocean Region.

**Concept:** Neighbourhood First; SAGAR doctrine; Indian Ocean Region strategy; defence diplomacy.

### SCI-TECH Paris Space Summit: India-France sign three space pacts

- Summit (Paris, Sep 9-10) drew **90 countries** and **51 announcements** worth about **€20 billion**.
- **India-France** signed **three space-cooperation agreements**.
- Also this week, India held **Exercise Samudra Laksamana** (4th edition) with **Malaysia** off Lumut.

**Concept:** Space economy; India-France strategic partnership; ISRO/IN-SPACe; dual-use technology.

## Wednesday, 16 September 2026

Full notes with diagrams: studyforgs.com/current-affairs/mppsc/2026-09-16.html

### MADHYA PRADESH MP Cabinet approves ₹42,490 crore development & welfare package

- **Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan**: **₹36,006.22 crore** for FY2026-27 to 2030-31 (pre-primary to Class 12)
- **Irrigation ₹2,607 cr** — Chitawad (Ujjain) **₹1,846 cr** / **65,000 ha**, plus Gaund (Singrauli) & Chanderi (Ashoknagar)
- Interest-free **MARKFED loan of ₹2,220.62 cr** for Rabi 2024-25 foodgrain credit
- **11 transport schemes** (**₹1,166.6 cr**) and **8 horticulture/food-processing** schemes (**₹491 cr**)
- New posts sanctioned for District Mineral offices (Maihar, Mauganj, Pandhurna) & school upgrades (Anuppur, Shahdol)

**Concept:** **Samagra Shiksha** is a centrally-sponsored (Centre:State 60:40) integrated school-education scheme; **MARKFED** is MP's state cooperative marketing federation.

### SOCIETY Ladli Behna Yojana: 40th monthly installment of ₹1,500 credited

- Direct Benefit Transfer of **₹1,500/month** to about **1.27 crore** women
- **40th installment** released into Aadhaar-linked bank accounts
- Stated roadmap: raise the amount to **₹3,000/month by 2028**
- Eligibility: married women **21–60 years** with income and landholding ceilings
- Launched in **2023**; among India's largest state women cash-transfer schemes

**Concept:** An unconditional **Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT)** cash scheme; links to the theme of women-led development / 'Nari Shakti'.

### ENVIRONMENT Project Cheetah: animals consolidate at Gandhi Sagar alongside Kuno

- **Project Cheetah** launched **17 Sep 2022** at **Kuno** (Sheopur) with African cheetahs
- **Gandhi Sagar WLS** (Mandsaur–Neemuch) developed as the **second cheetah site**
- Second-generation cubs have been **born on Indian soil** at Kuno
- MP is India's **'Tiger State'** (highest tiger count, **785**) and has the largest forest cover by area
- Kuno lies in the **Chambal** landscape of north-west MP

**Concept:** World's first **intercontinental large-carnivore translocation**; links to IUCN status and habitat-corridor planning.

### MADHYA PRADESH MP procures a record 5.33 lakh tonnes of summer moong at MSP

- **5.33 lakh tonnes** of summer moong procured (against **5.39 LT** approved)
- Up about **36%** from **3.93 lakh tonnes** in 2025
- Procured through **NAFED & NCCF** at the Minimum Support Price
- MP is the **'Soybean State'** and a leading pulses & wheat (**Sharbati**) producer
- Review flagged gaps in the crop-insurance **WINDS** weather network

**Concept:** **MSP** is recommended by the **CACP**; **NAFED/NCCF** are central nodal procurement agencies under **PM-AASHA**.

### SOCIETY Simhastha 2028 at Ujjain: infrastructure works fast-tracked

- **Simhastha 2028** to be held at **Ujjain**, on the banks of the **Kshipra (Shipra)** river
- About **₹2,924 crore** investment; **₹2,000 cr** earmarked in the state Budget
- Fresh **₹491 cr** of projects approved to accelerate preparations
- Ujjain hosts the **Mahakaleshwar Jyotirlinga** (one of 12) and the Mahakal Lok corridor
- One of India's four **Kumbh** sites; held roughly every **12 years**

**Concept:** **Simhastha** is the Ujjain Kumbh, timed by Jupiter's entry into Leo (**Simha rashi**).

### IR India hosts the 18th BRICS Summit; New Delhi Declaration adopted

- Theme: **'Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation & Sustainability'**
- **New Delhi Declaration** adopted by consensus
- Expanded bloc now has **10 members** (added Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, UAE, Indonesia)
- Backed **local-currency trade** and Global South priorities
- BRICS runs the **New Development Bank (NDB)**, headquartered in Shanghai

**Concept:** **BRICS** is a plurilateral grouping of major emerging economies; India held the 2026 chair.

### IR India takes over the International Solar Alliance presidency (2026-28)

- The **International Solar Alliance** now has about **124 member countries**; HQ at **Gurugram**
- India's target: **500 GW** non-fossil capacity by **2030**
- Flagship initiative: **One Sun One World One Grid (OSOWOG)**
- ISA was co-founded by **India and France** in **2015** at CoP-21, Paris
- It is a treaty-based intergovernmental organisation

**Concept: ISA** focuses on solar-rich nations between the Tropics; complements India's net-zero-by-2070 pathway.

### SCI-TECH ISRO's GISAT-1A (EOS-05) geo-imaging satellite ends the launch pause

- **GISAT-1A / EOS-05** is a **geostationary Earth-observation** satellite
- Launched on the **GSLV** from **SDSC-SHAR, Sriharikota**
- Enables near-real-time **disaster, agriculture and forestry** monitoring
- Restores continuity after the **GISAT-1 / EOS-03** loss in 2021
- GSLV uses an indigenous **cryogenic upper stage**

**Concept: Geostationary (GEO)** satellites orbit at ~**35,786 km**, matching Earth's rotation for a fixed footprint.

### ENVIRONMENT World Ozone Day (16 Sep): marking the 1987 Montreal Protocol

- Commemorates the **Montreal Protocol (1987)** on ozone-depleting substances
- Parent framework: the **Vienna Convention (1985)**
- The **Kigali Amendment (2016)** phases down **HFCs**, potent greenhouse gases
- India has ratified Kigali and is phasing out **HCFCs**
- The ozone layer is on track to recover by around **mid-century**

**Concept:** Stratospheric **ozone ($O_3$)** absorbs harmful **UV-B** radiation, shielding life on Earth.

## Thursday, 17 September 2026

Full notes with diagrams: studyforgs.com/current-affairs/mppsc/2026-09-17.html

### MADHYA PRADESH Project Cheetah Turns Four: India's Cheetah Count Reaches 52 at Kuno & Gandhi Sagar

- India's cheetah population is now **52** — **49 at Kuno** and **3 at Gandhi Sagar** Wildlife Sanctuary.
- **32 are India-born** cubs; founding stock: **8 (Namibia, 2022)**, **12 (South Africa, 2023)**, **9 (Botswana, 2026)**.
- The cheetah went **extinct in India in 1952**; the project aims to restore grassland & open-forest ecosystems.
- MP is the **only state hosting cheetahs**, adding 'Cheetah State' to its wildlife titles.

**Concept:** Kuno NP lies in the **Chambal** region; cheetah is the only large mammal hunted to extinction in modern India; IUCN status **Vulnerable**.

MADHYA PRADESH **MP Cabinet Clears ₹42,490 crore Package for Education, Irrigation & Farm Credit**

- **₹36,006 crore** to continue **Samagra Shiksha** (2026-27 to 2030-31), pre-primary to Class 12.
- **₹2,607 crore** for three irrigation projects — **Chitawad (Ujjain)**, **Gaund (Singrauli)**, **Chanderi Micro (Ashoknagar)**, ~1.27 lakh ha.
- **₹2,220.62 crore** interest-free loan to **MARKFED**; **₹1,166.6 crore** for 11 transport schemes.
- **₹491 crore** for eight horticulture & food-processing schemes to raise farmer income.

**Concept:** **Samagra Shiksha** is a centrally-sponsored integrated school-education scheme (shared Centre-State funding); **MARKFED** is the MP State Cooperative Marketing Federation.

MADHYA PRADESH **MP to Launch 'Sugam Parivahan' Public Bus Service From 25 September**

- **~1,000+ routes** across all **55 districts**: ~150 city, ~450 intercity, ~436 interstate.
- **Electric/CNG** buses with **CCTV, GPS, panic buttons**; run on **PPP** via **MPYPIL** with an Intelligent Transport Management System.
- Target: connect **75% of villages by 2030**; MoU with a ride-hailing firm for first/last-mile in Bhopal & Indore.
- An **electric-bus plant at Pithampur** (5,000/year capacity) to support the fleet.

**Concept:** Public transport is a **State subject**; 'safe, affordable, tech-enabled mobility' aligns with **SDG-11** (sustainable cities).

SOCIETY **7,500+ Meritorious Students Get E-Scooties Under Mukhyamantri Scooty Yojana**

- Beneficiaries: **top-scoring Class 12** students of the **2025-26** board exams.
- Aim: cut transport barriers to college, reward merit and promote **electric mobility**.
- Adds to MP's student-support ecosystem (scholarships, laptop assistance).

**Concept:** Merit-linked conditional benefits are a **demand-side education intervention** improving enrolment and retention.

ENVIRONMENT **Beyond the Tiger: MP Cements Status as India's Multi-Species 'Wildlife State'**

- MP is **Tiger, Leopard, Cheetah, Vulture, Gharial and Wolf State**.
- Biodiversity: **5,000+ plant, 500+ bird, 180 fish** species; **53 gharials** & 33 turtles released in the Kuno river.
- Key tiger reserves: **Kanha, Bandhavgarh, Pench, Panna, Satpura**; MP has India's **largest forest cover**.
- Water drive restored/created **56,000 water sources**, **827 stepwells** and cleaned **212 rivers**.

**Concept:** MP has India's **largest forest cover (area)** and highest tiger numbers; **Project Tiger** began **1973**; **PESA, 1996** governs tribal forest areas.

### ECONOMY EPFO Wage Ceiling Raised From ₹15,000 to ₹25,000; 51 Lakh More Covered

- Expected to bring **51 lakh+** additional employees under mandatory EPFO cover.
- Extends access to **provident fund, EPS pension and EDLI insurance**.
- Annual government outgo rises to about **₹11,339 crore** (from ~₹10,250 crore).
- Average private-sector salary (~₹23,000) had outgrown the old **₹15,000** threshold.

> **Concept: EPFO** runs EPF, **EPS-1995** and **EDLI**; governed by the **EPF & MP Act, 1952**; a statutory body under the **Ministry of Labour & Employment**.

### POLITY Supreme Court Upholds RBI's Power to Supersede Multi-State Co-op Bank Boards

- Reads the third proviso to **Article 243ZL** as incorporating the **Banking Regulation Act, 1949 (Sec 36AAA)**.
- Cooperatives were added to the Constitution by the **97th Amendment (2011)**, **Part IX-B**.
- **Depositor protection** justifies banking regulation overriding general cooperative safeguards.
- Distinguishes **state vs multi-state** cooperative banks on consultation.

> **Concept:** Cooperative societies are a **State subject** (Entry 32, State List); **multi-state co-ops** fall under the Union; RBI regulates their banking functions.

### ECONOMY Indian Economy Grows 7.8% in Q1 FY27, Fastest Among Major Economies

- Sectors: **manufacturing +9.2%**, services **+10%**, construction +7.7%, agriculture +3.6%; **mining -2.4%**.
- Investment (**GFCF**) **+11.9%**; private consumption +7.1%; exports +12%.
- Growth **outpaces China (~4.3%)** and major ASEAN economies.

> **Concept:** GDP is measured via **GVA** (production side) and expenditure (C+I+G+NX); **GFCF** proxies investment; base year **2011-12**.

### IR 26th SCO Summit Held at Bishkek; India Balances Engagement and Concerns

- **SCO** was founded in **2001**; secretariat in **Beijing**, **RATS** in **Tashkent**; India a full member since **2017**.
- Members include **China, Russia, Pakistan, Iran, Belarus** and Central Asian states.
- India stresses **counter-terrorism** and connectivity respecting **sovereignty** (Chabahar/ INSTC).

> **Concept: RATS** = Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure; **INSTC** links India-Iran-Russia; contrast the SCO with the **QUAD**.

SCI-TECH **ISRO Launches EOS-05 Earth-Observation Satellite; Space-Sector Reforms Advance**

- **EOS-05** supports development planning, **agriculture, disaster and security** monitoring.
- ISRO to focus on **R&D** and transfer launch-vehicle production to the **private sector**.
- Enabled by the **IN-SPACe / NSIL** ecosystem promoting private space activity.

> **Concept: IN-SPACe** regulates/promotes private space activity; **NSIL** is ISRO's commercial arm; **EOS** = Earth Observation Satellite series.

DEFENCE **Pakistani Corvette PNS Hunain Collides With Indian Navy Ship in Arabian Sea**

- India cited violation of the **1991 Agreement** on advance notice of naval movements; Pakistan claimed its **EEZ**.
- Minor damage reported; the episode recalls the **2011 PNS Babur-INS Godavari** incident.
- Underlines the need for maritime **confidence-building measures (CBMs)**.

> **Concept: EEZ** extends **200 nautical miles** (UNCLOS, 1982); high seas lie beyond; freedom of navigation applies with due regard.

## Friday, 18 September 2026

Full notes with diagrams: studyforgs.com/current-affairs/mppsc/2026-09-18.html

MADHYA PRADESH **MP Cabinet approves ₹42,490 crore for schools, irrigation & transport**

- **₹36,006 crore** for **Samagra Shiksha** (2026-27 to 2030-31), pre-primary to Class 12
- **₹1,846 crore Chitawad** project (Ujjain) to irrigate **65,000 ha**; **₹750 cr Gaund** (Singrauli) **34,500 ha**
- **₹1,167 crore** for **11 transport** schemes; **₹491 cr** for horticulture & food processing
- **₹2,220 crore** interest-free loan to **MARKFED** for foodgrain credit

> **Concept: Samagra Shiksha** is a centrally-sponsored integrated school-education scheme (pre-school to Class 12); state cabinets approve the multi-year state share.

MADHYA PRADESH **'Mukhyamantri Sugam Parivahan Bus Seva' to launch on 25 September**

- MP road network of about **5 lakh km** can potentially run **15,000+ buses**
- **MoU with Rapido** for first- and last-mile connectivity
- **MP Mobility Innovation Challenge 2026** launched for citizens & researchers
- Targets residents plus millions of **tourists and pilgrims**

> **Concept: Last-mile connectivity** = the final short leg linking a transport hub to the traveller's destination; key to public-transport adoption.

### MADHYA PRADESH Madhya Pradesh secures 12 GI tags in one phase — a national first

- Includes **Noorjahan Mango** (Alirajpur), **Gajariya Mango** (Betul), **Khargone Red Chilli**
- Also **Kumbhraj Coriander** (Guna), **Barman Brinjal** (Narsinghpur), **Narsinghpur Jaggery**
- **Malvi Potato/Garadu**, **Jabalpur Green Pea & Singhada**, **Seoni Custard Apple**
- MP horticulture area **2.8 mn ha**, targeting **3 mn ha by 2030**

**Concept:** A **Geographical Indication (GI)** tag (GI Act, 1999) marks goods from a specific origin with qualities due to that place; valid 10 years, renewable.

### MADHYA PRADESH Ujjain gears up for the Simhastha 2028 Kumbh on the Kshipra

- Simhastha is held every **12 years** at Ujjain (last major mela in **2016**)
- Ujjain hosts **Mahakaleshwar**, one of the **12 Jyotirlingas** of Shiva
- The **Mahakal Lok corridor** has boosted pilgrim footfall in the city
- Kshipra rejuvenation and civic works are being fast-tracked

**Concept:** The **Kumbh Mela** rotates among Prayagraj, Haridwar, Ujjain and Nashik; at Ujjain it is called **Simhastha** (linked to Jupiter's entry into Leo).

### ENVIRONMENT Project Cheetah's MP story: Kuno anchors, Gandhi Sagar joins in

- Kuno NP lies in **Sheopur** district; Gandhi Sagar spans **Mandsaur–Neemuch**
- Cheetahs were sourced from **Namibia (2022)** and **South Africa/Botswana**
- MP is India's **'Tiger State'** and has the **largest forest cover** by area
- Recent concern: a proposed **irrigation dam** near Kuno's cheetah habitat

**Concept:** **Project Cheetah** is the world's first inter-continental large-carnivore translocation, reintroducing the cheetah declared **extinct in India in 1952**.

### ECONOMY Union Cabinet raises EPFO wage ceiling ₹15,000 → ₹25,000

- Expected to bring about **51 lakh** more employees under mandatory EPFO cover
- Estimated annual government outgo of about **₹11,339 crore**
- Raises the base for **PF, pension (EPS)** and insurance (EDLI) contributions
- Effective **17 September 2026**

**Concept:** **EPFO** (under EPF & MP Act, 1952) runs PF, the **Employees' Pension Scheme** and EDLI insurance for organised-sector workers.

### IR India–MERCOSUR sign First Additional Protocol for e-Certificates of Origin

- Amends **Article 16 of Annex III** (Rules of Origin) of the PTA
- MERCOSUR members: **Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay** (plus associates)
- India–MERCOSUR PTA has been in force since **2009**
- e-CoO cuts paperwork and speeds up **preferential tariff** claims

**Concept:** A **Certificate of Origin** proves where goods are made, deciding eligibility for **preferential (lower) tariffs** under a trade pact.

ECONOMY **Centre notifies zero charges on UPI payments up to ₹2,000**

- Issued under **Section 10A** of the Payment & Settlement Systems Act, **2007**
- **MDR** = Merchant Discount Rate, the fee a merchant pays per card/UPI sale
- Keeps small merchants on the **digital payment** network cost-free
- UPI is operated by **NPCI**

**Concept: UPI (Unified Payments Interface)** is NPCI's real-time mobile payment system linking bank accounts via a single ID.

SCI-TECH **PM opens SEMICON India 2026 on the 'Silicon to Systems' theme**

- **600+ exhibitors** including **300 international** firms, **6 country pavilions**
- **12 semiconductor projects** approved; **3 units** in commercial production
- Cabinet approved **Semicon 2.0**; EDA tools extended to **400+** institutes
- Organised by **India Semiconductor Mission (ISM)**, MeitY and SEMI

**Concept:** The **India Semiconductor Mission (2021)** offers fiscal incentives (up to 50% support) to build fabs, ATMP/OSAT and design capacity.

DEFENCE **India–US hold Exercise Yudh Abhyas 2026 in a first dual-theatre format**

- Held at **Auli (Uttarakhand)** — high-altitude, and **Mahajan (Rajasthan)** — mechanised
- US contingent includes the **11th Airborne Division**
- First-ever **dual-theatre** format for the exercise
- Focus: interoperability under a **UN peacekeeping** mandate

**Concept: Yudh Abhyas** is the annual India–US joint army exercise, alternating between the two countries; it builds tactical interoperability.

## Saturday, 19 September 2026

Full notes with diagrams: studyforgs.com/current-affairs/mppsc/2026-09-19.html

MADHYA PRADESH **MP Cabinet clears ₹42,490 crore development & welfare package**

- **Samagra Shiksha** continued to **2030-31** with **₹36,006.22 crore** (pre-primary to Class 12).
- **Irrigation**: Chitawad (**₹1,846.05 cr**), Gaund (**₹749.62 cr**) & Chanderi — **1.27 lakh hectare** new capacity.
- **Horticulture**: **₹491 crore** for 8 schemes (₹100 cr each for fruit & spice).
- **MARKFED** interest-free loan of **₹2,220.62 crore**; extra **₹250** aid to Ladli Behna women.

**Concept:** State Cabinet = council of ministers (Art. 163-164); **MARKFED** = MP State Cooperative Marketing Federation; Samagra Shiksha = centrally-sponsored school-education scheme.

ENVIRONMENT **Project Cheetah completes 4 years; 'Dheera' shifted to Gandhi Sagar**

- Launched **17 Sept 2022** at **Kuno NP** (Sheopur) — world's first inter-continental big-cat reintroduction.
- Population now **52** (**49 at Kuno**, **3 at Gandhi Sagar**); **32 cubs born in India**.
- Sourced from **Namibia (8, 2022)**, **South Africa (12, 2023)**, **Botswana (9, 2026)**.
- MP is India's only **'Cheetah State'**; cheetah is **IUCN 'Vulnerable'**, CITES Appendix I.

**Concept:** Cheetah = fastest land animal; declared **extinct in India in 1952**; reintroduced under IUCN guidelines.

### SOCIETY Ladli Behna Yojana: 40th installment credits ₹1,500 to 1.25 crore women

- About **₹1,835 crore** disbursed to nearly **1.25 crore** women (Sep 2026).
- Monthly cash of **₹1,500** to eligible women aged **21-60**.
- Delivered through **Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT)** to bank accounts.
- Cabinet added **₹250** special assistance for beneficiaries.

**Concept:** **DBT** routes subsidies directly to Aadhaar-linked accounts, cutting intermediaries — a core JAM-trinity tool.

### ECONOMY MP the 'Soybean State': kharif MSP raised for 2026-27

- **Soybean MSP** raised to **₹5,708/quintal** for 2026-27 (**+7.1%**, up ₹380).
- MP leads India in **soybean**; also key in **gram**, **wheat (Sharbati)** & pulses.
- Major hub for **MSP-based kharif procurement** and summer moong.
- Soybean grown mainly on the **Malwa plateau** black-cotton (regur) soils.

**Concept:** **MSP** = govt-assured floor price recommended by the **CACP**; kharif = monsoon-sown crops.

### MADHYA PRADESH Ujjain gears up for Simhastha 2028 with big infrastructure push

- **Simhastha** = MP's **Kumbh Mela**, held every **12 years** at **Ujjain** on the **Kshipra (Shipra)**.
- Around **₹2,005 crore** earmarked; the wider plan runs into thousands of crores.
- Ujjain hosts the **Mahakaleshwar Jyotirlinga** and the **Mahakal Lok** corridor.
- Held when **Jupiter enters Simha (Leo)** rashi — hence 'Simhastha'.

**Concept:** Ujjain is one of four Kumbh sites; historically **Avantika**, once a prime meridian reference of India.

### REPORT India ranked #1 business climate in Global Business Climate Survey 2026

- **India ranked #1** of **41 economies**; **73%** rated the climate good/very good.
- **80%** held a positive global outlook; **44%** plan higher capex.
- Asia-Pacific led regional investment allocation.
- Signals resilience despite global geopolitical shocks.

**Concept:** 'Operating climate' captures regulatory ease, demand, talent and stability perceived by investors.

### SCI-TECH 'OneTag' to allow FASTag bank portability

- Enables **bank portability** via the **Rajmargyatra** app, keeping the same RFID **Tag ID**.
- **Zero hardware replacement**; no re-tagging fees.
- A **6-month cooling period** applies between porting requests.
- Rolled out by **NHAI** + **NPCI** (National Payments Corporation of India).

**Concept:** **FASTag** uses **RFID** for automatic toll deduction; NPCI also runs UPI, RuPay and IMPS.

SCI-TECH **Deep Ocean Mission: India eyes deep-sea minerals with Matsya-6000**

- **Matsya-6000** submersible tested to **5,270 m** depth (Samudrayaan).
- India holds **3 ISA exploration contracts** over ~**95,000 sq km**.
- ~**366 million tonnes** of polymetallic nodules (Ni, Cu, Co, Mn) identified.
- Surveys logged ~**1,300 deep-sea species**, incl. **23 new to science**.

**Concept: ISA** (International Seabed Authority) governs the seabed 'Area'; nodules are strategic critical minerals.

POLITY **Uniform Civil Code & Article 44 back in debate**

- **Article 44 (DPSP)** urges a UCC; it is a directive, **not judicially enforceable**.
- **Uttarakhand** operationalised a UCC in **January 2025**.
- Core tension: **gender justice** vs **religious freedom (Art. 25, 29)**.
- Law Commission (2018) favoured **targeted reform** over a blanket code.

**Concept: DPSP** (Part IV) guide policy; UCC = common personal law on marriage, divorce & inheritance.

IR **Island-wide blackout hits Cuba**

- Nationwide grid failure affected **9 million+** citizens.
- Cuba = **largest Caribbean island**; capital **Havana**.
- Borders the **Straits of Florida**, **Caribbean Sea** & **Gulf of Mexico**.
- A **unitary socialist republic** facing chronic fuel shortages.

**Concept:** A grid collapse is a cascading supply-demand failure; small island grids are especially vulnerable.

## Sunday, 20 September 2026

Full notes with diagrams: studyforgs.com/current-affairs/mppsc/2026-09-20.html

MADHYA PRADESH **MP Cabinet clears ₹42,490 crore development package**

- **Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan** gets a **₹36,006.22 crore** five-year outlay for school education.
- **₹1,166 crore** cleared for **11** transport schemes; **₹491 crore** for **8** horticulture schemes.
- Over **₹2,600 crore** for irrigation at **Chitawad (Ujjain), Gaund (Singrauli), Chanderi (Ashoknagar)** — covering **1.27 lakh hectares**.
- New posts sanctioned for the new districts **Maihar, Mauganj and Pandhurna**.

**Concept:** The **Cabinet** is the real executive of the state under **Article 163–164**; the CoM is collectively responsible to the **Vidhan Sabha**.

SOCIETY **Ladli Behna: 40th installment credits ₹1,500 to 1.25 crore women**

- **₹1,500** transferred to each of about **1.25 crore** women beneficiaries.
- Total outgo of roughly **₹1,835 crore** in the 40th installment.
- A **₹250** Raksha Bandhan **shagun** bonus was added earlier in the year.
- Launched in **2023**, the scheme targets women aged **21–60** via **DBT** into their accounts.

**Concept: DBT** cuts leakage via the **JAM trinity** (Jan Dhan–Aadhaar–Mobile); women's welfare links to **Article 15(3)**.

### ENVIRONMENT Project Cheetah turns 4; litter of 4 cubs born at Kuno

- The cubs were born to India-raised female **KGP12**, extending the first India-born generation.
- The project began on **17 September 2022** with **8 cheetahs** from **Namibia**; **12** more came from **South Africa** in 2023.
- The cheetah had been declared **extinct in India in 1952**.
- Range is being expanded to **Gandhi Sagar** sanctuary and **Nauradehi**.

**Concept:** World's first **inter-continental** large-carnivore translocation; the cheetah is **IUCN Vulnerable** and a grassland flagship.

### ENVIRONMENT MP consolidates its 'Tiger + Cheetah State' tag

- MP has about **785 tigers** — the highest of any state (2022 census).
- Major tiger reserves: **Kanha, Bandhavgarh, Pench, Panna, Satpura, Sanjay-Dubri**.
- It is the **only** Indian state with wild **cheetahs** (Kuno).
- MP hosts **9 national parks** and **25** wildlife sanctuaries.

**Concept:** **Tiger** = **Schedule I**, Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972; reserves run under **Project Tiger / NTCA**.

### ECONOMY MP fixes ₹2,600/quintal wheat MSP; agri economy in focus

- MP wheat MSP procurement has neared a record **85 lakh metric tonnes** in recent seasons.
- MP is India's **'Soybean State'** and grows the premium **Sharbati wheat** (GI-tagged).
- Agriculture & allied activities contribute a large share of the state's **GSDP**.
- Key crops: **soybean, wheat, gram/pulses**, fed by the **Narmada** valley.

**Concept:** **MSP** is recommended by **CACP**; procurement supports the **PDS** and price stabilisation.

### POLITY Tribal welfare & PESA remain central to MP governance

- MP has the **largest ST population** in India (about **1.53 crore**, over **21%** of the state).
- **PESA Act, 1996** empowers **Gram Sabhas** in **Fifth Schedule** areas; MP notified state **PESA Rules in 2022**.
- Major tribes include **Gond, Bhil, Baiga, Sahariya, Korku**.
- Welfare runs through forest rights (**FRA 2006**), tribal sub-plans and residential schooling.

**Concept:** **Fifth Schedule** governs tribal areas outside the North-East; **Article 244** underpins tribal autonomy.

### ECONOMY RBI holds repo at 5.25%; August CPI climbs to 4.82%

- **Repo rate** held at **5.25%**; stance **neutral**.
- **CPI** inflation rose to **4.82%** in August from **4.45%** in July.
- Inflation stays within the RBI's **2–6%** tolerance band (target **4%**).
- The MPC is a **6-member** body chaired by the **RBI Governor** (Sanjay Malhotra).

**Concept:** **Repo** is the rate at which RBI lends to banks; **flexible inflation targeting** was adopted in **2016**.

### POLITY PM Modi hands 51,000 appointment letters at Rozgar Mela

- Over **51,000** appointees inducted across central government departments.
- It was the **20th edition** of the **Rozgar Mela**, launched in **2022**.
- Recruits join ministries such as Railways, Home Affairs, Posts and Finance.
- New hires begin with the online orientation module **Karmayogi Prarambh**.

**Concept:** Links to **Mission Karmayogi** (2020) for capacity-building; employment is a core **governance** metric.

### POLITY Active FCRA-registered NGOs fall to 14,466

- Active **FCRA** NGOs dropped to **14,466** (as of Sept 2026) from **29,022** in **2015** — a fall of over **50%**.
- Many registrations lapsed or were **cancelled/not renewed**.
- **FCRA, 2010** (amended **2020**) regulates foreign funding of associations.
- The nodal authority is the **Ministry of Home Affairs**.

**Concept:** **FCRA** bars foreign funds for those of a **political nature**; the 2020 amendment barred **sub-granting**.

### ENVIRONMENT PM inaugurates climate & environment conference at Vigyan Bhawan

- The conference focused on climate resilience, ecology and sustainable development.
- India targets **net-zero by 2070** under its climate commitments.
- Aligns with **LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment)** and updated **NDCs**.
- Comes amid India's push on renewables and green hydrogen.

**Concept:** **NDCs** flow from the **Paris Agreement (2015)**; **UNFCCC** is the parent climate treaty.

### IR Global postings: new WFP chief; India names envoy to Cuba

- **Luke Lindberg** was appointed Executive Director of the **World Food Programme (WFP)**.
- The **WFP** is a **UN** agency and **2020 Nobel Peace Prize** laureate, headquartered in **Rome**.
- **Hansraj Singh Verma** named India's next **Ambassador to Cuba**.
- Such postings reflect India's expanding diplomatic footprint.

**Concept:** **WFP** tackles global hunger (**SDG-2: Zero Hunger**); ambassadors are appointed under **Article 77** processes.

### SCI-TECH Sci-tech: $1bn AI-safety tie-up; NASA expands SpaceX crew deal

- **Anthropic** and **Accenture** committed at least **$1 billion each** toward independent frontier-**AI** model evaluation.
- **NASA** expanded its Commercial Crew contract with **SpaceX** by **$946 million** for **3** more **Dragon** missions.
- The moves signal a push on **AI safety** and sustained **low-Earth-orbit** access.
- Independent evaluation aims to test AI models for reliability and risk.

**Concept:** **AI safety** evaluation checks model risks; the **Commercial Crew** model outsources LEO transport to private firms.

## Monday, 21 September 2026

Full notes with diagrams: studyforgs.com/current-affairs/mppsc/2026-09-21.html

### MADHYA PRADESH Kuno cheetah tally hits 56 as India-born KGP12 births four cubs

- **Kuno National Park** lies in **Sheopur district**, MP; the **56** cheetahs comprise **53 at Kuno** and **3 at Gandhi Sagar** sanctuary.
- **36** of the 56 are **India-born**; **Project Cheetah** was launched on **17 September 2022** with **8 Namibian** cheetahs; the animal was declared **extinct in India in 1952**.
- MP is the only **'Cheetah State'** and also the **'Tiger State'** with the country's **largest forest cover** by area.
- The cheetah is the world's **fastest land animal**, rated **Vulnerable** on the IUCN list; commercial trade is barred under **CITES**.

> **Concept: Project Cheetah** — the world's first inter-continental large-carnivore translocation and India's flagship species-reintroduction programme.

### MADHYA PRADESH MP Cabinet clears Rs 42,490 crore for schools, irrigation and welfare

- **Rs 36,006 crore** for **Samagra Shiksha** (2026-27 to 2030-31); **Rs 1,167 crore** for 11 transport schemes; **Rs 491 crore** for horticulture and food processing.
- Irrigation: **Chitawad project, Ujjain** (**Rs 1,846 cr**, 65,000 ha on the **Kshipra**); **Gaund, Singrauli** (**Rs 750 cr**, 34,500 ha); **Chanderi, Ashoknagar**.
- **Rs 2,220 crore** interest-free loan to **MARKFED** for foodgrain credit repayment by 30 September 2026.

> **Concept: Samagra Shiksha** — a centrally sponsored, integrated school-education scheme spanning pre-primary to Class 12.

### SOCIETY 40th Ladli Behna instalment: Rs 1,500 reaches over 1.25 crore women

- **1,25,22,542** women received **Rs 1,500**; the monthly outgo is roughly **Rs 1,835 crore**.
- **August 2026** paid **Rs 1,750** owing to a one-off **Rs 250 Raksha Bandhan** shagun; September reverts to the regular **Rs 1,500**.
- Launched in **2023**, the scheme aims at women's economic self-reliance through **direct cash transfer**.

> **Concept: DBT** — Direct Benefit Transfer routes subsidy or benefit cash straight to Aadhaar-linked bank accounts to cut leakages.

### MADHYA PRADESH MP fast-tracks Simhastha-2028 works at Ujjain

- **Simhastha-2028** is scheduled from **27 March to 27 May 2028**; the 2026-27 Budget earmarked about **Rs 2,000 crore** for it.
- Ujjain hosts the **Mahakaleshwar Jyotirlinga** and the **Mahakal Lok** corridor; the Simhastha recurs every **12 years**.
- Works span roads, ghats, sanitation and a dedicated **flower cluster** for the crores of expected pilgrims.

> **Concept: Simhastha/Kumbh** — held by rotation at four sites: Ujjain, Prayagraj, Haridwar and Nashik.

### MADHYA PRADESH Soybean and wheat anchor MP's MSP crop basket

- **Soybean MSP 2026-27**: **Rs 5,708/quintal**; MP is India's largest soybean producer, the '**Soybean State**'.
- **Gram (chana) Rs 5,875**, **wheat Rs 2,585**, **paddy Rs 2,441** per quintal; MP's **Sharbati wheat** carries a **GI tag**.
- MP procured close to **85 lakh MT** of wheat at MSP in Rabi 2025-26; the 2026-27 state wheat price is **Rs 2,600/quintal** with bonus.

**Concept: MSP** — Minimum Support Price at which government agencies procure notified crops to shield farmers from price crashes.

### ECONOMY EPFO wage ceiling raised to Rs 25,000

- The **EPS** pension-contribution cap rises from **Rs 1,250** to **Rs 2,080**.
- A higher ceiling brings more workers under **mandatory PF and pension**; the ceiling was last revised in **2014**.
- **EPFO** functions under the **Ministry of Labour and Employment**.

**Concept: EPFO** — Employees' Provident Fund Organisation, a statutory retirement-savings body for the organised sector.

### REPORT Delhi tops the India Electric Mobility Index 2025

- Scores (of 100): **Delhi 84**, **Maharashtra 78**, **Karnataka 73**.
- The index assessed **36 States and UTs** across **16 indicators**.
- It rewards charging infrastructure, EV sales share and supportive policy.

**Concept: Composite index** — several weighted indicators combined into a single comparative score.

### ECONOMY GIFT City climbs to 37th in Global Financial Centres Index

- The top four are **New York, London, Hong Kong and Singapore**; **139** centres were ranked on **144** indicators.
- GIFT City hosts India's only **IFSC**, regulated by the **IFSCA**.

**Concept: IFSC** — International Financial Services Centre for cross-border finance conducted in foreign currency.

### DEFENCE DRDO to field a 30 kW anti-drone laser weapon

- Final trials were completed in **August 2025**; an industry partner is to be selected within **six months**.
- Laser DEWs offer a very low **cost-per-shot** against low-cost drone swarms.

**Concept: DEW** — Directed Energy Weapon that uses focused laser or microwave energy to disable targets.

### SCI-TECH Semicon Mission 2.0 gets Rs 1.27 lakh crore push

- Investor interest of nearly **Rs 1 lakh crore** has already been received.
- The five-year goal is **automotive, power and appliance chips** designed and manufactured in India.

**Concept: Semiconductor fab** — a facility that fabricates integrated circuits on silicon wafers.

### IR US law clears up to 100% tariffs on Russian-oil buyers

- **Russia** made up over **51%** of India's oil imports (**July 2026**); the **US** absorbs about **20%** of India's goods exports.
- The tariff stacks on existing US duties on Indian goods.

**Concept: Secondary sanctions** — penalties imposed on third countries for trading with a sanctioned nation.

## Tuesday, 22 September 2026

Full notes with diagrams: studyforgs.com/current-affairs/mppsc/2026-09-22.html

### MADHYA PRADESH Project Cheetah turns four; India-born cheetah births four cubs at Kuno

- Launched on **17 September 2022**, when PM Modi released **8 cheetahs** from **Namibia** into Kuno; cheetahs were declared **extinct in India in 1952**.
- India's cheetah population now stands at about **52 (32 India-born)**; the four new cubs push the total toward **56**.
- **Kuno** lies in MP's **Sheopur** district; expansion is planned to **Gandhi Sagar** Sanctuary and **Nauradehi**.
- Union Environment Minister **Bhupender Yadav** called it 'a symbol of hope, resilience and growing success'.
- MP is India's **'Tiger State'** and **'Cheetah State'**, with the country's **largest forest cover**.

**Concept:** Kuno NP (Sheopur), Gandhi Sagar (Mandsaur-Neemuch on Chambal), Nauradehi WLS (largest in MP). Cheetah = only large cat that went fully extinct in India.

### MADHYA PRADESH MP Cabinet's Kavach Scheme revives cooperative credit for farmers

- **Kavach Scheme** targets **5,000+** farmers with disputed cooperative loan accounts.
- State to provide **₹25 crore** one-time equity; a **₹50 crore** relief fund by Apex & District Cooperative Banks.
- Enables fresh **cooperative loans** and re-entry into the formal credit system.
- Part of a broader **₹32,070 crore** package covering healthcare, sports and data-centre upgrades.

**Concept:** Cooperative credit in MP flows via Apex Bank → District Central Cooperative Banks → PACS. MP is India's leading soybean producer ('Soybean State').

### MADHYA PRADESH MP launches free registration of 50 lakh rural properties — a national first

- Targets registration of roughly **50 lakh** rural properties across the state.
- **Zero stamp duty and zero registration fee** for eligible rural properties — a **national first**.
- Builds on the Centre's **SVAMITVA** drone-survey scheme to give villagers clear **record of rights (adhikar abhilekh)**.
- Aims to reduce land disputes and enable **institutional credit** against titled property.

**Concept:** SVAMITVA (2020) = Survey of Villages and Mapping with Improvised Technology in Village Areas; uses drones to map inhabited (abadi) rural land.

### MADHYA PRADESH Ladli Behna 40th installment: ₹1,500 to 1.25 crore women

- **₹1,500** transferred per beneficiary via **DBT** to about **1.25 crore** women.
- Total outgo of roughly **₹1,835 crore** for the installment.
- Scheme launched in **2023**; monthly cash support to eligible women aged **21–60**.
- One of MP's largest **direct-benefit welfare** commitments.

**Concept:** DBT = Direct Benefit Transfer, routing cash to Aadhaar-linked bank accounts to cut leakages. Compare with similar transfer schemes in other states.

### MADHYA PRADESH MPESB opens 7,500 Police Constable posts

- **7,500** Police Constable (General Duty) vacancies notified.
- Application window: **22 September – 6 October 2026**; correction until **11 October**.
- Written exam scheduled to begin **19 November 2026**.
- Conducted by **MPESB** (formerly MP Vyapam / PEB).

**Concept:** MPESB (Madhya Pradesh Karmchari Chayan Mandal) is the state's main recruitment board for Group-2/3 posts and constable-level jobs.

### ECONOMY Moody's raises India's FY27 GDP growth forecast to 7%

- FY27 growth forecast lifted to **7%** from **6%**.
- **Q1 FY27** growth already at **7.8%**.
- Inflation projected at **4.8%** for FY27 vs **2.4%** in FY26, on crude and food prices.
- GIFT City rose **9 places to 37th** in the **Global Financial Centres Index 40**.

**Concept:** Real GDP strips out inflation; FY = fiscal year (Apr–Mar). Rating agencies: Moody's, S&P, Fitch. GFCI ranks global financial hubs.

### DEFENCE India's long-range attack drone 'KAL' clears Pokhran trials

- **'KAL'** specs: **1,000 km** range, **7–8 hours** endurance, **50 kg** payload, up to **5,000 m** altitude.
- Uses **multi-band GNSS** and an **Inertial Navigation System**.
- **HAL** delivered **2 LCA Tejas** FOC twin-seat trainers and **3 HTT-40 'Ankur'** basic trainers.
- Also handed over **4 Dhruv NG** civil helicopters to **Pawan Hans**.

**Concept:** GNSS = Global Navigation Satellite System; INS aids navigation without external signals. LCA Tejas = indigenous Light Combat Aircraft by HAL.

### IR Jaishankar's Bhutan visit: ₹4,000 crore Line of Credit for energy

- **₹4,000 crore** concessional **Line of Credit** for energy projects.
- Talks with King **Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck** and PM **Tshering Tobgay**.
- **Five** initiatives across healthcare, connectivity, agriculture, clean mobility and renewable energy.
- Reinforces India's **'Neighbourhood First'** policy.

**Concept:** Line of Credit = soft loan to a partner country for projects, often executed by Indian firms. India-Bhutan cooperation centres on hydropower.

### ENVIRONMENT VP opens India International Water Week 2026 at Bharat Mandapam

- **9th edition**; theme **'Climate Resilient Water Management'**.
- Partner nations include the **Netherlands** and **Germany**.
- Concurrent **Second International WASH Conference** on drinking water and sanitation.
- Relevant to MP's **Narmada, Chambal, Betwa, Tapti, Son** river management.

**Concept:** WASH = Water, Sanitation and Hygiene. Bharat Mandapam (Pragati Maidan) hosts major summits, including the G20 Summit 2023.

### SCI-TECH New feline species 'Tilcayo' described — first in over a century

- Published in **Current Biology** on **17 September 2026**.
- Body length about **46 cm**; weight about **1.4 kg**.
- Diverged from related species roughly **1.4 million years** ago.
- First new **living feline** species described in over a century.

**Concept:** Taxonomy names species via binomial nomenclature (genus + species). Yungas = montane rainforest on the eastern Andes slopes.

### ECONOMY UDAN regional connectivity expands with MoUs across 22 states

- MoUs signed with **22 states** for UDAN's next phase.
- As of **July 2026**: **679 routes** operationalised across **95 airports/heliports/water aerodromes**.
- Over **1.68 crore passengers** served so far.
- UDAN = **Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik**, launched **2016** under the Regional Connectivity Scheme.

**Concept:** RCS-UDAN caps fares on select seats and offers viability gap funding to airlines to connect underserved airports.

## Wednesday, 23 September 2026

Full notes with diagrams: studyforgs.com/current-affairs/mppsc/2026-09-23.html

### MADHYA PRADESH MP Cabinet clears ₹13,790 crore package for irrigation, courts & sport

- **₹962.50 crore** for **140 CM Sports Complexes** across assembly seats, with **PM SHRI** permanent helipads
- Judiciary push: **High Court scheme ₹2,015.60 cr**, **Family Courts ₹1,000 cr**, **Gram Nyayalaya ₹554.61 cr**, **Legal Aid Board ₹524 cr** (2026–31)
- **2,800 MW** thermal power to be procured via competitive **DBFOO** bidding
- Govt Dental College, **Indore**: BDS seats raised to **100**, MDS to **44**

> **Concept: DBFOO** = Design–Build–Finance–Own–Operate. The **Gram Nyayalaya Act, 2008** sets up mobile village courts for speedy, affordable rural justice.

### ENVIRONMENT Micro-irrigation push in Malwa: ₹4,197 crore Jawad–Neemuch project cleared

- **Jawad–Neemuch Pressurised Micro Irrigation — ₹4,197.58 crore** (2026–31)
- **Suthalia (Rajgarh) ₹262.63 cr** covering **40,000 ha**; **Parvati–Rinsi ₹507.23 cr** covering **48,000 ha**
- MP is India's largest **soybean** producer (the **'Soybean State'**) and a leading wheat/gram grower (**Sharbati** wheat has a **GI tag**)

> **Concept:** Micro-irrigation runs under **PMKSY – 'Per Drop More Crop'**. A **GI (Geographical Indication)** tag protects region-specific produce like **Sharbati** wheat.

### ENVIRONMENT Project Cheetah: female CCB-2 released at Gandhi Sagar; MP count hits 56

- MP now has **56 cheetahs & cubs**; **Gandhi Sagar** houses **4** (Prabhas, Pawak, Dheera, CCB-2)
- **Kuno National Park** remains the primary site; **Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve** is being readied as a third habitat
- MP is the **'Tiger State'** and **'Leopard State'** and has India's **largest forest cover**

> **Concept: Project Cheetah (2022)** was the world's first inter-continental **large-carnivore translocation**; the cheetah is **IUCN 'Vulnerable'**.

### SOCIETY Ladli Behna: 40th instalment of ₹1,500 credited to 1.25 crore women

- **₹1,500 / month** to about **1.25 crore** women; **₹1,835 crore** released in the 40th kist
- Money sent by **DBT** into **Aadhaar-seeded** bank accounts
- It is MP's flagship **women-empowerment & financial-inclusion** scheme

> **Concept: DBT** plugs leakages using the **JAM trinity** — **Jan Dhan–Aadhaar–Mobile**.

### ECONOMY Road to GIS-2027: MP kicks off investor outreach with Delhi meet & tech conclave

- **GIS-2025 (Bhopal)** had drawn a record about **₹26.61 lakh crore** in investment intentions
- Focus: **industrial corridors, startups, IT/tech**, and renewables (**Rewa solar**, **pumped hydro**)
- **Regional Industry Conclaves** spread investment beyond the **Bhopal–Indore** belt

> **Concept:** An '**investment intention**' is a proposal, not realised investment/FDI; ease-of-doing-business reforms decide conversion.

### HEALTH MP marks Ayurveda Day drive and 'Seva Sankalp' welfare outreach

- Focus on **AYUSH** promotion, wellness camps and last-mile **scheme saturation**
- Aligns with the **National AYUSH Mission** and the '**Heal in India**' push

> **Concept: AYUSH** = **A**yurveda, **Y**oga & Naturopathy, **U**nani, **S**iddha, **H**omoeopathy.

### ECONOMY RBI holds repo rate at 5.25%, raises FY27 growth forecast to 6.7%

- **Repo rate 5.25%** (unchanged); stance **neutral**
- **FY27 GDP** forecast raised to **6.7%** (from 6.6%); **CPI** cut to **5.0%** (from 5.1%)
- Backed by resilient **manufacturing** and steady **consumption**, despite global uncertainty

> **Concept: Repo rate** is the RBI's key policy rate; the **6-member MPC** targets **CPI inflation of 4% (±2%)**.

### ECONOMY UDAN expanded: Centre signs regional-connectivity pacts with 21 states/UTs

- **₹28,840 crore** outlay; scheme extended by **10 years**
- **100 new airports** and **200 modern heliports**; support across about **441 aerodromes**
- Targets nearly **4 crore passengers**; airport build time to be cut to **18 months**

> **Concept: UDAN** = **Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik** (2016), a **Regional Connectivity Scheme** using **Viability Gap Funding (VGF)**.

### IR India at UNGA-81: Jaishankar presses for reformed multilateralism

- Push for **UN Security Council reform** and a stronger **Global South** voice
- Bilaterals on **trade, counter-terrorism and connectivity**
- India continues to seek a **permanent UNSC seat**

> **Concept:** In the **UNGA** every member has **one vote**; the **UNSC** has **5 permanent (P5) veto** members — India seeks a permanent seat.

### POLITY PM-KISAN extended to 2030-31 with ₹3.15 lakh crore outlay

- **₹3.15 lakh crore** outlay for **2026-27 to 2030-31**
- **₹6,000 / year** in **three ₹2,000 instalments** via **DBT + Aadhaar**
- Over **9.49 crore farmers** benefited in the **23rd instalment**; about **₹4.47 lakh crore** transferred since 2019

> **Concept:** PM-KISAN is a **Central Sector Scheme** — **100% central funding**, unlike Centrally Sponsored Schemes with a state share.

## Thursday, 24 September 2026

Full notes with diagrams: studyforgs.com/current-affairs/mppsc/2026-09-24.html

### MADHYA PRADESH MP to launch Mukhyamantri Sugam Parivahan Bus Seva on 25 September

- **1,036+ routes** planned: **150 city**, **450 intercity**, **436 interstate**
- Fleet to prioritise **electric & CNG buses** with **CCTV, GPS, panic buttons**
- Run on **PPP model** via **MP Yatri Parivahan & Infrastructure Ltd (MPYPIL)**
- Target: connect **75% of villages by 2030**; **Rapido** tie-up for first/last-mile
- **Eka Mobility** to set up a **5,000-bus/yr** e-bus plant at **Pithampur**

> **Concept:** Public transport is a **State subject**; safe, last-mile mobility links to **SDG-11** (sustainable cities) and the **Gati Shakti** infrastructure vision.

### MADHYA PRADESH MP Cabinet clears ₹42,490 cr package; ₹36,006 cr for Samagra Shiksha

- **₹36,006.22 crore** for **Samagra Shiksha (2026-27 to 2030-31)**, pre-primary to Class 12
- **₹2,600 cr** for **3 irrigation projects** covering **~1.27 lakh hectares**
- **₹1,166 cr** for **11 transport** schemes; **₹491 cr** for **8 horticulture** schemes
- Extra **₹250** top-up support flagged for **Ladli Behna** beneficiaries

> **Concept:** **Samagra Shiksha** is a **Centrally Sponsored Scheme** subsuming SSA, RMSA and Teacher Education, aligned to the **RTE Act, 2009** and **NEP 2020**.

### MADHYA PRADESH Ladli Behna 40th instalment: ₹1,500 credited to 1.25 crore women

- **₹1,500** transferred to each of **~1.25 crore** eligible women
- About **₹1,835 crore** disbursed for the month via **DBT**
- Launched **2023**; started at **₹1,000**, raised in stages toward a **₹3,000** goal
- Eligibility: MP women aged **21–60** within income limits

> **Concept:** **DBT** curbs leakage using the **JAM trinity** (Jan Dhan–Aadhaar–Mobile); such transfers advance **Article 39** (DPSP) goals of economic justice.

### ENVIRONMENT Project Cheetah: India's count rises to 56; expansion to 10 sites planned

- Total **56 cheetahs** — **Kuno 53** + **Gandhi Sagar 3** (MP's second cheetah home)
- **29** cheetahs brought from Africa (South Africa, Botswana, Namibia); **53** cubs born in India
- Project began **2022** at **Kuno (Sheopur district)**; target **40–50** cheetahs/site
- MP remains the **'Tiger State'** with the largest tiger population and forest cover

> **Concept:** The cheetah is the world's only **large carnivore reintroduction** across continents; India lost it to extinction in **1952**. Kuno lies in the **Chambal** landscape.

### MADHYA PRADESH Simhastha-2028 Ujjain: ₹25,000 cr approved; 40 crore devotees expected

- About **₹25,000 crore** earmarked for infrastructure and city upgrades
- An estimated **40 crore** devotees expected over the mela period
- **Ujjain** hosts **Mahakaleshwar** (a **Jyotirlinga**) on the **Shipra** river
- Kumbh rotates among **Ujjain, Prayagraj, Haridwar, Nashik**

**Concept:** The **Kumbh Mela** is on **UNESCO's** list of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity (2017); Simhastha is Ujjain's Kumbh.

### IR India–EU Free Trade Agreement heads for December signing in Brussels

- **EU** to eliminate tariffs on **99.5%** of Indian exports
- India to open **~97.5%** of traded value in return
- No individual EU member ratification needed; has majority support
- Parallel deals: **India–Canada FTA** expected by **November 2026**

**Concept:** An **FTA** cuts tariffs/non-tariff barriers between partners; the EU is among India's largest trade and investment partners.

### ECONOMY OECD raises India's FY27 growth forecast to 7.1%

- Forecast raised to **7.1%** for **FY27**, up **0.8 pp** from June
- **Moody's, S&P Global and Fitch** upgraded India around the same time
- India stays the **fastest-growing major economy**
- Driver: strong **domestic demand** cushioning external shocks

**Concept:** The **OECD** is a 38-member Paris-based body; India is a key **partner** (not a member). Growth measured as **real GDP** change.

### ECONOMY US Federal Reserve raises rates to 3.75–4% — first hike in three years

- Rate lifted from **3.5–3.75%** to **3.75–4%**
- US inflation at **3.4%** vs the Fed's **2%** target (peaked **4.2%** in May)
- Higher US rates can trigger **FPI outflows** and rupee pressure
- Reinforces the case for a cautious **RBI** stance

**Concept:** A central bank raises the **policy rate** to curb inflation; the interest-rate differential drives cross-border **capital flows**.

### POLITY Supreme Court's Justice Dipankar Datta defends the Collegium system

- Criticised delays and selective clearance of Collegium recommendations
- **Collegium**: CJI + senior-most SC judges recommend judicial appointments
- Rooted in the **Three Judges Cases**; **NJAC Act** struck down in **2015**
- Debate ties to the **2023 CEC/EC appointments** law verdict

**Concept:** **Judicial independence** is part of the **basic structure**; appointments involve **Articles 124 & 217**.

### DEFENCE IAF signs ₹811 crore deal for 160 glide bombs

- **₹811 crore** contract for **160 glide bombs**
- Glide bombs allow **precision stand-off** strikes from safe distances
- Supports **Atmanirbhar Bharat** in defence manufacturing
- Adds to India's precision-guided munitions inventory

> **Concept: Stand-off weapons** are launched at a distance to keep platforms outside enemy air defences; part of **defence indigenisation**.

### ENVIRONMENT Super El Niño warning: 15,800 extra heat deaths projected for India

- **~15,800** extra heat deaths projected (±1,600) for India
- About **451,000** El Niño-linked deaths estimated globally in six months
- India's southwest **monsoon ~15% below normal**
- **~40%** of coal plants reported critically low fuel stocks

> **Concept: El Niño** is warming of the central-east Pacific under **ENSO**, often weakening India's monsoon and raising heat stress.

## Friday, 25 September 2026

Full notes with diagrams: studyforgs.com/current-affairs/mppsc/2026-09-25.html

### MADHYA PRADESH MP restarts public bus service after 21 years: 'Sugam Parivahan Seva'

- **351 buses** in the first phase; target **about 1,000 by March 2027** and **15,000 by 2030-31**.
- Network of **150 city**, **450 intercity** and **436 interstate** routes.
- Fitted with **CCTV, GPS, panic buttons** and real-time monitoring; includes **e-buses**.
- Run by private operators under government oversight; part of **Seva Sankalp Abhiyan** (17 Sep-17 Oct).

> **Concept:** Road transport is largely a **State subject**; the state road transport corporation was wound up in 2005. The model mirrors PPP-based transport revival.

### MADHYA PRADESH MP Cabinet clears sports complex in every seat, power & irrigation push

- **Sports complex in every Assembly seat** - about **₹960 crore** over 5 years across nearly **140 constituencies**.
- Approved purchase of **2,800 MW thermal power** via PPAs to meet a projected **1,900 MW** gap by 2037.
- **₹9,061 crore** for irrigation, including **₹4,197 cr Neemuch-Javad** and ₹262 cr Suthaliya projects.
- Indore Dental College **BDS seats 63 to 100**; Singrauli & Ratlam airstrips to become airports under **UDAN**.

> **Concept:** The Cabinet is the Council of Ministers under **Articles 163-164**; **UDAN** (Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik) is a regional air-connectivity scheme.

### ENVIRONMENT Project Cheetah completes 4 years; range expands to Gandhi Sagar

- About **52 cheetahs** on official record across Kuno and the new site.
- Female cheetah **'CCB2'** released at **Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary (Neemuch)** on **20 September 2026**.
- Cheetah was declared **extinct in India in 1952**; animals sourced from **Namibia & South Africa**.
- Next proposed home: **Nauradehi** Sanctuary; MP is the only cheetah-bearing state.

**Concept:** MP is the **'Tiger State'** (highest tiger count) with the largest forest cover; Kuno lies in the **Chambal** region.

### MADHYA PRADESH Ladli Behna: ₹1,835 crore released in 40th monthly instalment

- About **₹1,835 crore** credited to nearly **1.25 crore women**.
- Monthly support of **₹1,500** per eligible woman.
- Delivered via **Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT)**; a flagship women-empowerment scheme.
- Complements the Ladli Laxmi and social-security pension schemes.

**Concept:** DBT rides on the **JAM trinity** (Jan Dhan - Aadhaar - Mobile) to cut leakages.

### MADHYA PRADESH MP gears up for Rabi wheat procurement at MSP with a state bonus

- Wheat procurement price set around **₹2,600/quintal** (MSP plus state bonus).
- MP is the **'Soybean State'** and a major producer of **Sharbati wheat** and gram/pulses.
- Procurement anchored by **MSP** and DBT payments to registered farmers.
- The **Narmada valley** and Malwa plateau are the state's grain bowls.

**Concept:** MSP is recommended by the **CACP**; **Sharbati** wheat of the Sehore-Vidisha belt holds a **GI tag**.

### ECONOMY Make in India turns 12: FDI, PLI and exports scale new highs

- Cumulative FDI **2014-26: USD 843 billion**; FY26 record inflow of **USD 94.53 billion**.
- PLI schemes drew **₹2.40 lakh crore** investment and **₹15.2 lakh crore** exports; **14.6 lakh** jobs.
- ONDC crossed **470+ crore** orders; focus sectors include electronics, pharma and autos.
- Push for **greenfield industrial smart cities** under the NICDP.

**Concept:** **PLI** ties incentives to incremental output/sales; FDI enters via the **automatic** or **government** route.

### IR India-New Zealand FTA to enter into force on 20 October 2026

- India secures **100% duty-free** access for its exports.
- Target to **double bilateral trade** to about **₹35,000 crore** within **5 years**.
- Expected to aid **dairy, agriculture, pharma and services** linkages.
- Adds to India's widening FTA network (UAE, Australia, EFTA, UK).

**Concept:** An **FTA** cuts tariffs on 'substantially all trade' under **WTO Article XXIV**.

### POLITY SC Collegium confirms 12 additional High Court judges as permanent

- The move aims to cut **judicial vacancies** and clear case pendency.
- Additional judges are appointed under **Article 224** for up to two years.
- The Collegium is the **CJI plus senior-most SC judges** for higher-judiciary appointments.
- High Court judges are appointed by the President under **Article 217**.

**Concept:** The Collegium evolved through the **Three Judges Cases**; the NJAC was struck down in 2015.

### DEFENCE India-France begin 24th edition of naval exercise 'Varuna'

- India-France naval drills began in **1993**; formally named **'Varuna' in 2001**.
- Enhances **interoperability** and Indo-Pacific maritime security.
- France is a key **strategic partner** (Rafale jets, Scorpene submarines).
- Complements exercises Shakti (army) and Garuda (air force).

**Concept:** India-France ties rest on a **strategic partnership since 1998**.

### SCI-TECH India commissions its largest solar cell plant (7 GW) in Andhra

- Lifts the operator's capacity to **10.6 GW**; capex about **₹3,293 crore**.
- Cuts import dependence, aiding the **500 GW non-fossil** target for 2030.
- TOPCon cells offer higher efficiency than standard PERC technology.
- Supports **PM Surya Ghar** and domestic-content norms (ALMM).

**Concept:** MP hosts the **Rewa** and Agar solar parks; India targets **500 GW** non-fossil capacity by 2030.

## Monday, 28 September 2026

Full notes with diagrams: studyforgs.com/current-affairs/mppsc/2026-09-28.html

### MADHYA PRADESH MP Cabinet clears ₹13,790 crore package: 8 key decisions

- **₹962.50 crore** for **Mukhyamantri Sports Complexes** in all **140 assembly constituencies**, with permanent helipads.
- **~₹4,968 crore** for three irrigation projects (Suthalia, Javad-Nimach micro-irrigation, Parvati-Rinsi) covering **88,000+ hectares** over five years.
- Over **₹4,000 crore (2026-31)** for judicial services — High Court **₹2,015.6 cr**, Family Courts **₹1,000 cr**, **Gram Nyayalaya** ₹554.6 cr, Legal Aid ₹524 cr.
- **2,800 MW** thermal power via competitive bidding; **₹969.87 cr** for commercial-tax/e-Registry reforms.
- Earlier September 2026 cabinets cleared cumulative proposals of about **₹42,490 crore** for state development.

**Concept:** Gram Nyayalayas (Act, 2008) are mobile village courts for speedy, affordable rural justice; the state cabinet is the collective executive under Article 163.

### MADHYA PRADESH Project Cheetah crosses 56 as Kuno welcomes 4 new cubs

- Total **56 cheetahs**: **36 born in India** (over 60%) and **20 imported** from Namibia, South Africa & Botswana.
- India-born female **KGP12** gave birth to **4 cubs** at **Kuno National Park** in Sep 2026.
- Project Cheetah began **17 Sep 2022** (8 from Namibia); 12 more from South Africa arrived **18 Feb 2023**.
- **Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary** is the second home; expansion to **Rajasthan & Gujarat** under discussion.
- MP holds India's **largest forest cover** and is the 'Tiger State'; **Kuno** lies in **Sheopur** district.

**Concept:** Project Cheetah (2022) is the world's first intercontinental large-carnivore translocation; the cheetah is IUCN 'Vulnerable' and was declared extinct in India in 1952.

### MADHYA PRADESH Ladli Behna Yojana stays MP's flagship women's welfare push

- Monthly transfer of **₹1,250**, being raised in phases toward **₹1,500**.
- About **1.29 crore women** beneficiaries across the state.
- **DBT** to bank accounts; **40th instalment** released in 2026.
- Eligibility: married/widowed/divorced/abandoned women, age **21-60**, within income limits.

**Concept:** DBT routes subsidies straight to Aadhaar-linked accounts, cutting leakage; women-centred cash transfers aim at financial inclusion.

### MADHYA PRADESH Ujjain gears up for Simhastha 2028; road widening under way

- State has approved about **₹25,000 crore** of Simhastha 2028 works; up to **40 crore devotees** expected.
- About **272 structures** along the alignment demolished for road widening in Ujjain (Sep 2026).
- Simhastha is held every **12 years** on the banks of the **Kshipra (Shipra)** river at Ujjain.
- Ujjain hosts the **Mahakaleshwar Jyotirlinga**, one of the **12 Jyotirlingas**.

**Concept:** The Kumbh/Simhastha rotates among Prayagraj, Haridwar, Nashik and Ujjain; Ujjain was ancient Avantika, a hub of Indian astronomy.

### ECONOMY 'Soybean State' MP anchors MSP procurement of wheat & pulses

- MP is the **'Soybean State'** (largest soybean producer) and famed for **Sharbati wheat**.
- Rabi 2026-27 state wheat procurement price set at about **₹2,600/quintal**, incl. a **₹40 bonus** over central MSP.
- Around **1.9 million (19 lakh)** farmers registered for MSP wheat procurement.
- Key crops: **soybean, wheat, gram/pulses**; Narmada, Chambal & Betwa basins anchor irrigation.

**Concept:** MSP is the floor price announced on CACP advice; a state bonus tops up central MSP to boost procurement and protect farm incomes.

### POLITY Right to vote: statutory or fundamental? Debate revives

- Right to vote is presently a **statutory right** under **Section 62, RPA 1951**, not a fundamental right.
- In Goa, **97 eligible voters** were reportedly deleted and officers could not override the software.
- Key rulings: **Kuldip Nayar (2006)** — statutory; **Rajbala (2015)** — constitutional; **Anoop Baranwal (2023)** dissent linked voting to **Articles 19(1)(a) & 21**.
- Roll deletions can cascade into loss of welfare-scheme access tied to electoral status.

**Concept:** Article 326 provides adult suffrage; a fundamental right invites stricter judicial scrutiny than a statutory one.

### IR Russia backs India & Brazil for permanent UNSC seats

- Russia backs **India & Brazil**; opposes **Germany & Japan**, citing a 'path to militarism'.
- **G4** = India, Brazil, Germany, Japan; countered by the **Uniting for Consensus** bloc.
- **African Union** seeks seats via the **Ezulwini Consensus**.
- Reform needs a **2/3 UNGA majority + all five P5** ratifications (**Article 108**); China is yet to back India.

**Concept:** The UNSC has 5 permanent (veto-holding) + 10 elected members; text-based negotiations seek a single draft to advance reform talks.

### ENVIRONMENT COP31 (Antalya) faces heat over sidelined fossil-fuel exit

- Unusual **split presidency**: Türkiye hosts, Australia is vice-president.
- Listed priorities: electrification (**~20%→35% by 2035**), oceans, circular economy — fossil-fuel phase-out is absent.
- India targets **500 GW non-fossil capacity by 2030** and **net zero by 2070**, anchored on **CBDR**.
- Loss-and-damage financing remains a sticking point for developing nations.

**Concept:** CBDR-RC (Common But Differentiated Responsibilities) under the UNFCCC assigns greater climate obligations to historically high-emitting developed countries.

### IR UNGA declaration shields island states from sea-level rise

- Declaration **freezes maritime baselines** under **UNCLOS** even if coastlines retreat.
- Protects **statehood, fishing rights and seabed resources** of small island states (Fiji, Tuvalu, Vanuatu).
- **Non-binding** UNGA consensus but influential in shaping **customary international law**.
- Relevant to India's **Lakshadweep, Andaman & Nicobar, Sundarbans** and long coastline.

**Concept:** UNCLOS (1982) defines maritime zones — territorial sea (12 nm), EEZ (200 nm) — measured from coastal baselines.

### SOCIETY NCRB 2024: rape-trial pendency rises, conviction stays low

- **29,536** rape cases registered in 2024 (~**84 per day**).
- Trial backlog rose from **1.39 lakh (2018)** to **1.86 lakh (2024)** — about **90%** of the trial pool.
- Of **20,587** trials disposed in 2024, only **~8% convictions** (421); about **68% acquittals**.
- **BNSS** mandates investigation and trial within about two months each — largely directory.

**Concept:** NCRB (under MHA) compiles national crime statistics; conviction rate = convictions ÷ cases in which trials were completed.

### SOCIETY Poompuhar dives reveal ancient Chola port's ocean trade

- Finds include a West Asian **'torpedo jar'** fragment, **four terracotta ring wells** and **250+ ceramic fragments**.
- Located at the mouth of the **Cauvery** in Mayiladuthurai district; habitation dated to **5th-4th century BCE**.
- City likely submerged by floods/tsunami around the **3rd-4th century CE**.
- Traded within a network linking **Arikamedu, Pattanam and Korkai**.

**Concept:** Poompuhar (Kaveripattinam) was the Early Chola capital-port celebrated in Sangam literature; 'torpedo jars' were West-Asian transport containers.

## Tuesday, 29 September 2026

Full notes with diagrams: studyforgs.com/current-affairs/mppsc/2026-09-29.html

### MADHYA PRADESH MP Cabinet Clears Rs 13,790 Crore Development Package

- Total package: **Rs 13,790 crore** for the **16th Finance Commission** period (**1 April 2026 - 31 March 2031**).
- **Rs 962.50 crore** for **Mukhyamantri Sports Complexes** in all **140** targeted assembly constituencies, with permanent helipads at main grounds.
- Nearly **Rs 4,968 crore** for **3 major irrigation projects** (Suthalia & Parvati-Rinsi in Rajgarh; Javad-Nimach micro-irrigation), adding **88,000+ hectares**.
- **2,800 MW** thermal power to be procured via competitive bidding.
- **Rs 4,000+ crore** for the judiciary: **High Court (Rs 2,015.6 cr)**, **Family Courts (Rs 1,000 cr)**, **Gram Nyayalaya (Rs 554.6 cr)**, **Legal Aid Board (Rs 524 cr)**.

**Concept:** The **16th Finance Commission** (chaired by Arvind Panagariya) recommends devolution for **2026-31**; states plan multi-year outlays around its award. **Gram Nyayalayas** are village-level courts under the Gram Nyayalayas Act, 2008.

### MADHYA PRADESH GIS-2027 Push: MP Bags Rs 20,193 Crore Fresh Investment Proposals

- Fresh proposals worth **Rs 20,193 crore** with an estimated **27,592** direct & indirect jobs.
- **GIS-2027** is scheduled for **January 2027**; previous **GIS-2025** drew proposals exceeding **Rs 33 lakh crore**.
- Focus sectors: **semiconductors, data centres, IT & AI, textiles, defence manufacturing, renewable energy**.
- **PM MITRA Textile Park, Dhar** reported **90%** plot allocation soon after its foundation.
- MP infrastructure cited: **5 lakh km** road network, **8 airports**, **6** international container facilities.

> **Concept: PM MITRA** (Mega Integrated Textile Region & Apparel) parks aim at a full textile value chain under '5F' — Farm to Fibre to Factory to Fashion to Foreign. MP is a leading cotton & garment state.

### ENVIRONMENT Project Cheetah: Kuno's Cheetah Count Rises to 56

- Kuno cheetah population rose to **56** after an India-born cheetah delivered **4 cubs**.
- Cheetah **CCB-2** relocated to **Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary** (Mandsaur-Neemuch), the second cheetah home.
- **Project Cheetah** launched **17 September 2022** with cheetahs from **Namibia** and **South Africa** — world's first intercontinental big-cat translocation.
- MP is India's **'Tiger State'** and now the **only state with cheetahs**; Kuno lies in the **Sheopur** district.
- Other big-cat parks: **Kanha, Bandhavgarh, Pench, Panna, Satpura**.

> **Concept:** The **cheetah (Acinonyx jubatus)** is the world's fastest land animal; the Asiatic cheetah was declared extinct in India in **1952**. Reintroduction uses the **African** subspecies. IUCN status: **Vulnerable**.

### MADHYA PRADESH Ladli Behna Yojana: 40th Installment of Rs 1,500 to 1.25 Crore Women

- **40th installment** of **Rs 1,500** each transferred to about **1.25 crore** women (~**Rs 1,835 crore** total).
- Scheme launched in **2023**; provides monthly financial assistance to eligible women aged **21-60**.
- Payments made via **Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT)** to Aadhaar-linked bank accounts.
- Festive-month top-ups have earlier raised some installments (e.g. Rakhi) above the base **Rs 1,500**.
- One of India's largest state-run women's cash-transfer schemes by beneficiary count.

> **Concept: DBT** routes subsidies directly to beneficiaries, cutting leakages. Cash-transfer schemes for women are debated for their impact on **female labour-force participation** and household autonomy.

### MADHYA PRADESH MP Fast-Tracks Simhastha 2028 Preparations at Ujjain

- **Simhastha (Kumbh)** at Ujjain is held every **12 years**; the next is in **2028**.
- Held on the banks of the **Shipra (Kshipra)** river; Ujjain hosts the **Mahakaleshwar Jyotirlinga**.
- Government targets road widening, riverfront and crowd-management infrastructure for lakhs of pilgrims.
- Ujjain was the ancient capital of **Avanti / Malwa** and a historic centre of astronomy (**prime meridian**).
- Part of MP's push to position itself as a leading spiritual-tourism destination.

**Concept:** The **Kumbh Mela** rotates among **Prayagraj, Haridwar, Ujjain and Nashik**; UNESCO recognised it as **Intangible Cultural Heritage** in 2017. Ujjain's is called **Simhastha** (Sun/Jupiter in specific zodiac signs).

### SCI-TECH India Launches First Port-Based e-Methanol Plant at Kandla

- Location: **Deendayal Port, Kandla (Gujarat)** on **75 acres**.
- Joint venture: **Deendayal Port Authority (76%)** and **Assam Petro-Chemicals Ltd (24%)**.
- Total investment **Rs 2,300 crore**; capacity **150 tonnes/day** (Phase-I 50 TPD, Phase-II 100 TPD).
- Expected to create **3,500+** direct & indirect jobs.
- Supports India's **Net Zero by 2070** target and green maritime fuel goals.

**Concept: e-methanol** is made by combining **green hydrogen** (from electrolysis using renewables) with **captured CO2**; it is a low-carbon 'e-fuel' for shipping under IMO decarbonisation goals.

### SCI-TECH India Flags Off Its First LNG-Powered Train from Sabarmati

- Flagged off from **Sabarmati (Ahmedabad Division, Western Railway), Gujarat**.
- Dual-fuel traction: **LNG substitutes up to 40%** of diesel consumption.
- Uses two **1,400 HP** power cars with **2,200-litre** cryogenic tanks (**-162 degC**).
- Estimated fuel saving of about **Rs 23.9 lakh** per 8-coach train per year.
- Cuts **particulate matter, NOx and CO2** versus conventional diesel.

**Concept: LNG (Liquefied Natural Gas)** is natural gas cooled to about **-162 degC** to a liquid for storage/transport. Dual-fuel engines burn LNG with diesel, lowering emissions and import-heavy diesel use.

### POLITY Is the Right to Vote a Fundamental Right? Debate Renewed

- In India, voting is currently a **statutory/legal right** (Representation of the People Act, 1951), not a fundamental right.
- The **61st Constitutional Amendment (1988)** lowered the voting age from **21 to 18** years.
- The **Kuldip Nayar (2006)** verdict held voting to be a statutory right.
- ECI announced **nine reform decisions** — including mandatory meeting minutes and an independent ECINet review committee.
- Advocates cite **Article 25 of the ICCPR** and stronger protection against arbitrary deletions.

**Concept: Statutory right** flows from ordinary law and can be altered by Parliament; a **fundamental right** (Part III) enjoys constitutional protection enforceable under **Article 32**. Voting draws from **Article 326** (adult suffrage).

### IR UNGA Adopts Landmark Declaration on Sea Level Rise

- Adopted by **consensus** at the **81st UN General Assembly**.
- Co-facilitated by **Australia** and **Cabo Verde**.
- Affirms a **presumption of continued statehood** for nations losing land to the sea.
- Supports **fixed maritime baselines** under **UNCLOS**, so zones do not shrink as coastlines retreat.
- Prioritises protection of displaced people and **Small Island Developing States (SIDS)**.

> **Concept: UNCLOS (1982)** defines maritime zones — **territorial sea (12 nm)**, **EEZ (200 nm)** — measured from baselines. Sea-level rise threatens to shift these baselines, shrinking SIDS' ocean entitlements.

### DEFENCE IAF Hosts Exercise Tarang Shakti 2026 at Jodhpur

- Hosted at **Air Force Station Jodhpur, Rajasthan**; theme **'Power in Partnership'**.
- Participating nations included the **US, Australia, France, Germany, UAE, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh**.
- The **F-35** joined for its first operational participation, alongside **Rafale, Su-30MKI and HAL Tejas**.
- Focus on **5th-generation combat training**, sensor fusion, stealth tactics and beyond-visual-range operations.
- Included an **International Defence Aviation Seminar** and aerospace-industry engagement.

> **Concept: Tarang Shakti** is India's largest multinational air exercise. **HAL Tejas** is an indigenous light combat aircraft (LCA); interoperability drills strengthen **defence diplomacy** and export prospects.

## Wednesday, 30 September 2026

Full notes with diagrams: studyforgs.com/current-affairs/mppsc/2026-09-30.html

### MADHYA PRADESH MP grants 20% reservation to ex-Agniveers in uniformed services

- **20% horizontal quota** in **Police Constable, Special Armed Force, Jail Guard, Forest Guard, Excise Constable**
- Also **20% interest subsidy** on agriculture loans for Agniveers + recruitment age/physical relaxations
- Part of the wider **₹24,500 crore** cabinet package
- Flows from the central **Agnipath scheme (2022)** — **4-year** military tenure

> **Concept: Horizontal vs vertical reservation**; **Article 16** (equality in public employment); Agnipath scheme.

### POLITY ₹24,500 cr MP package: schools, hospitals, roads and irrigation

- **Guest-teacher honorarium ₹5,329.17 cr** (2026–31) for **76,000+** teachers; free uniforms via DBT **₹348 cr** (Classes 1–8)
- **Health infra ₹3,245.80 cr** (2026–31); **CIMS Chhindwara ₹953.69 cr**; Singrauli hospital **450→605 beds**
- **Damoh–Katni 4-lane road — 105.10 km, ₹4,470.30 cr**
- **Rural Development Fund ₹3,580.22 cr**; judicial infra **₹1,342.48 cr**

**Concept: DBT**; **capital vs revenue expenditure**; cooperative & competitive federalism.

### MADHYA PRADESH Ujjain readies for Simhastha 2028; Kanh Diversion duct cleared

- **Simhastha** is held every **12 years** at **Ujjain** on the **Kshipra** river
- About **₹25,000 cr** infra; a **3,300-hectare** 'spiritual city' planned
- **12–40 crore** devotees expected over the mela
- **Mahakaleshwar** — one of **12 Jyotirlingas**; **Mahakal Lok** corridor already built

**Concept: Char Kumbh** — Prayagraj, Haridwar, Nashik, Ujjain; **12 Jyotirlingas**; Kshipra basin.

### ENVIRONMENT Project Cheetah turns four; India's cheetah count reaches 57

- **57 cheetahs** in India; **Kuno 54** (**17 free-ranging** + **37 in bomas**)
- **Gandhi Sagar** sanctuary (Mandsaur/Neemuch) — **3** cheetahs (second home)
- **9 Botswana cheetahs** arrived **Feb 2026**; India-born cubs since **Mar 2023**
- India is the only country with the **cheetah, tiger, lion, leopard & snow leopard**

**Concept: In-situ conservation**; IUCN Red List; CITES; **Kuno** on the **Chambal** basin.

### MADHYA PRADESH MP the farm powerhouse: 'Soybean State' drives Krishak Kalyan year

- India's **largest soybean producer** — the **'Soybean State'**
- Premium **Sharbati wheat** (**GI tag**, Sehore/Vidisha belt); top **gram (chana) & pulses**
- Record wheat MSP procurement at **₹2,600+/quintal**
- **Bhavantar Bhugtan** support for paddy; **Narmada** valley irrigation

**Concept: MSP**; **Bhavantar Bhugtan Yojana**; **GI tag**; kharif vs rabi cropping.

### POLITY Pashudhan Bima Portal launched for digital livestock insurance

- Available in **11 regional languages** plus Hindi and English
- Enables **digital application, real-time monitoring & faster claims**
- Aligns with the govt's **doubling farmer income** push
- Directly relevant to MP's large **dairy & cattle** economy

**Concept: National Livestock Mission**; risk-transfer & agri insurance; DigiLocker-style e-governance.

### ECONOMY SEBI's new 'PRIM' route lets portfolio managers invest in mutual funds

- PMS can now invest client funds in **mutual fund schemes**
- Minimum ticket size stays **₹25 lakh**
- Up to **10% of client AUM** in **investment-grade unlisted debt**
- Also opens access to **IPOs & primary debt** issuances

**Concept: SEBI** as market regulator; **PMS vs mutual funds**; AUM; investment-grade rating.

### ECONOMY Sagarmala arm floats India's first Blue Bond (₹600 crore)

- Target **₹600 crore** (**₹500 cr** base + green shoe)
- **10-year** tenor; rated **AA+**
- Proceeds fund **ports, shipping & coastal** projects
- A milestone in India's **sustainable / thematic bond** market

**Concept: Blue economy**; green vs blue bonds; **Sagarmala** programme; green shoe option.

### DEFENCE KAZIND-2026: 9th India–Kazakhstan military exercise begins

- Held **28 Sep – 11 Oct 2026**
- Indian contingent led by a **Garhwal Rifles** battalion (**60** members)
- Focus: **counter-terrorism** in semi-urban & mountainous terrain
- Strengthens India–Central Asia **strategic ties**

**Concept:** Bilateral **joint military exercises**; India–Central Asia; SCO connect.

### SCI-TECH India's first orbital data centre planned by TakeMe2Space

- Two **100 kg satellites** to a **500 km sun-synchronous orbit**
- Each carries **10 NVIDIA Thor GPUs**, **100 TB** storage, **1.5 kW** power
- Linked via **optical inter-satellite links**
- Target launch **~late 2028** — data processing in orbit

**Concept: Sun-synchronous orbit**; edge computing in space; IN-SPACe & private launches.

## Prelims rapid-fire — 134

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| 1 | **VB-G RAM** G — MP's new rural jobs scheme replacing the state **MGNREGA** component (from **1** July **2026**). |
| 2 | **RGPV**, Bhopal restructured into three technology universities: Bhopal, Ujjain, Jabalpur. |
| 3 | India's cheetahs: **57** total — **54** at Kuno (Sheopur), **3** at Gandhi Sagar (Mandsaur). |
| 4 | **RBI** repo rate: **5.25%** (unchanged); **FY27 GDP** raised to **6.7%**, **CPI** cut to **5.0%**. |
| 5 | **EOS-05** — India's first geosynchronous imaging satellite — launched on **GSLV-F17**. |
| 6 | **26**th **SCO** Summit held at Bishkek; Pakistan takes the **2026**-**27** chair. |
| 7 | MP's flagship women's scheme is **Ladli Behna** (₹1,500 per month). |
| 8 | India's only cheetah-bearing state is **Madhya Pradesh** (Kuno). |
| 9 | GI tags are protected under the **GI Act, 1999**. |
| 10 | **PPI** is set to replace **WPI** for GDP deflation. |
| 11 | **CJI Surya Kant** led the district-judiciary bench. |
| 12 | The **BRICS Summit 2026** venue is **New Delhi** (12-13 Sep). |
| 13 | MP Budget 2026-27 size: Rs 4.38 lakh crore; no new taxes. |
| 14 | Ladli Behna Yojana allocation in MP Budget: Rs 23,800 crore. |
| 15 | IMD issued heavy-rain and strong-wind warnings for MP, UP and Bihar. |
| 16 | 28th Western Zonal Council meeting was chaired by Home Minister Amit Shah. |
| 17 | Indian Railways approved Rs 170 crore for Kavach 4.0 over 712 route-km (Moradabad). |
| 18 | UNGA adopted the 'Correct the Map' resolution favouring the Equal Earth projection. |
| 19 | **International Literacy Day** is observed on **8 September** (UNESCO) |
| 20 | India's **Q1 FY27 GDP** growth came in at **7.8%** (NSO) |
| 21 | **PM-KISAN** extended to **2030–31**; **₹6,000** a year to farmers |
| 22 | ISRO launched the **EOS-05** earth-observation satellite via **GSLV** (4 Sep) |
| 23 | **East Bengal FC** won **ISL 2025–26**, ending a **22-year** title drought |
| 24 | **Semicon India Programme 2.0** notified with a **₹1.27 lakh crore** outlay |
| 25 | **Coastal Local Area Bank** (Vijayawada) added to the **RBI's Second Schedule** — first such scheduled bank in **Andhra Pradesh**. |
| 26 | **IFC** to lend **USD 1 billion** for **MSME** credit through **SIDBI**. |
| 27 | **Satwiksairaj Rankireddy–Chirag Shetty** won the **China Masters** men's doubles — a first for India. |
| 28 | **RGPV** restructured into **three technology universities** — Bhopal, Ujjain, Jabalpur. |
| 29 | **Dr Vinaya Prakash Singh** re-elected **Secretary-General, APPU** (2027-30). |
| 30 | **Bharat Tex 2026**: MP is a **Sponsor State**, showcasing **Chanderi, Maheshwari & Bagh** crafts. |
| 31 | **World Suicide Prevention Day** is observed on **10 September**; theme 'Changing the Narrative on Suicide'. |
| 32 | **Satwiksairaj & Chirag** won the **China Masters Super 750** men's doubles badminton title. |
| 33 | **Asian Games 2026** at **Aichi-Nagoya (Japan)** open on **19 September**. |
| 34 | **Exercise Veer Guardian 2026** is the bilateral **India–Japan** air exercise. |

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| 35 | **Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2026** (9th edition) runs through **September**; marks 10 years of PMMVY. |
| 36 | MP's three new tech universities are at **Bhopal, Ujjain and Jabalpur**. |
| 37 | MP is the **Tiger State** (**785 tigers**, highest in India) and now the **Cheetah State** (Kuno, Sheopur). |
| 38 | **Sharbati wheat** of **Sehore (MP)** holds a **GI tag**; MP is a top wheat and gram producer. |
| 39 | **Kuno National Park** lies in the **Chambal** region; cheetahs came from Namibia, South Africa and Botswana. |
| 40 | **Narmada** is MP's longest and lifeline river; others include **Chambal, Betwa, Tapti and Son**. |
| 41 | **ORV Sagar Manthan** (₹840 cr, GRSE) will replace **ORV Sagar Kanya (1983)** under the Deep Ocean Mission. |
| 42 | **Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2026** (9th edition) runs **9 Sep-8 Oct** and marks **10 years of PMMVY**. |
| 43 | **Kuno National Park** is in **Sheopur** district; **Gandhi Sagar Sanctuary** lies on the **Chambal** river (Mandsaur–Neemuch). |
| 44 | **Bhu-Aadhaar** is a **14-digit ULPIN** land-parcel ID under **DILRMP 3.0**. |
| 45 | India holds the **BRICS chair for 2026**; the STI meet gave the **Chennai Declaration**. |
| 46 | **Ujjain's** Kumbh is called **Simhastha**, held on the **Kshipra** river every **12 years**. |
| 47 | **CE20** is ISRO's **cryogenic** engine for the **LVM3** upper stage and **Gaganyaan**. |
| 48 | **Ladli Behna Yojana** gives **₹1,500/month** to ~**1.25 crore** MP women via **DBT**. |
| 49 | Kuno National Park is in Sheopur district; Gandhi Sagar sanctuary spans Mandsaur & Neemuch. |
| 50 | Madhya Pradesh has the largest forest cover of any Indian state. |
| 51 | Sharbati wheat (Sehore-Vidisha belt) carries a Geographical Indication (GI) tag. |
| 52 | India's CPI inflation for August 2026 was 4.82%; RBI's tolerance band is 4% ± 2%. |
| 53 | The Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 2026 replaces the 1891 Act from October 1. |
| 54 | Exercise Samudra Laksamana is a bilateral naval exercise of India and Malaysia. |
| 55 | **Neeraj Chopra** won javelin **gold** at the 2026 World Athletics Championships in Tokyo. |
| 56 | **D. Gukesh** retained the **World Chess Championship** title. |
| 57 | **Women's T20 Asia Cup 2026** — **India** beat Sri Lanka to lift the title (Dubai). |
| 58 | **Exercise Veer Guardian 2026** — India–Japan air exercise held at **Jodhpur**. |
| 59 | India's **Q1 FY2026-27 GDP** grew **7.8%** YoY. |
| 60 | **BRICS** now has **10 members**; **World Ozone Day** falls on **16 September**. |
| 61 | **Kuno National Park** (Sheopur, MP) hosted India's first wild cheetahs, reintroduced on **17 Sep 2022**. |
| 62 | MP's **Sharbati wheat** and **Chinnor rice** carry **GI tags**; MP is India's top **soybean** producer. |
| 63 | The **EPFO wage ceiling** was revised to **₹25,000/month**, effective 17 Sep 2026. |
| 64 | **Article 243ZL** is in **Part IX-B** (Cooperative Societies), added by the **97th Amendment, 2011**. |
| 65 | India's **Q1 FY27 GDP** grew **7.8%**; the RBI's inflation tolerance band is **2-6%**. |
| 66 | The **SCO** secretariat is in **Beijing**; India became a full member in **2017**. |
| 67 | **Retail inflation** eased to **4.82%** in August 2026 (food **5.95%**). |

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| 68 | **Asian Games 2026** open at **Aichi–Nagoya, Japan** (19 Sep–4 Oct); India send **508 athletes**. |
| 69 | **18 September** marks International **Equal Pay Day** and **World Bamboo Day**. |
| 70 | **Dhiraj Bommadevara** becomes the first Indian man to win the **Archery World Cup Final** (recurve). |
| 71 | MP's **Gandhi Sagar WLS** (Mandsaur–Neemuch) is India's **second cheetah home**. |
| 72 | MP's **e-Mandi** system now runs in **259 mandis** with about **40 lakh** farmers. |
| 73 | **Project Cheetah** completed **4 years** (launched 17 Sep 2022 at Kuno, MP). |
| 74 | India's **CPI inflation** = **4.82%** in August 2026 (10th straight monthly rise). |
| 75 | MP's **Ladli Behna** 40th installment: **₹1,500** to ~**1.25 cr** women. |
| 76 | **Soybean MSP** for 2026-27 = **₹5,708/quintal**; MP is India's top producer. |
| 77 | **Matsya-6000** submersible tested to **5,270 m** (Deep Ocean Mission). |
| 78 | **Simhastha** Kumbh at **Ujjain** (Kshipra) recurs every **12 years**; next in **2028**. |
| 79 | **Kuno National Park** — India's only cheetah habitat — is in **Sheopur** district of MP. |
| 80 | MP's **Rewa Ultra Mega Solar** is one of India's largest solar parks. |
| 81 | The **Narmada** is MP's lifeline river; the **Sardar Sarovar** dam is on it. |
| 82 | **Sharbati wheat** (Sehore/Vidisha belt) carries a **GI tag** for its quality. |
| 83 | **RBI** repo rate stands at **5.25%**; the current Governor is **Sanjay Malhotra**. |
| 84 | India's **CPI** basket has a **~46%** weight for **food & beverages**. |
| 85 | **Project Cheetah launch** — 17 Sep 2022 at Kuno NP, Sheopur (MP) |
| 86 | **MP's cheetah homes** — Kuno (53) and Gandhi Sagar (3) — 56 total |
| 87 | **Samagra Shiksha** — Integrated school-education scheme, pre-primary to Class 12 |
| 88 | **Sewa Divas (17 Sep)** — EPFO wage ceiling raised to Rs 25,000 |
| 89 | **IEMI 2025 topper** — Delhi (score 84) — NITI Aayog + WRI India |
| 90 | **Soybean MSP 2026-27** — Rs 5,708/quintal — MP is the 'Soybean State' |
| 91 | **Kuno National Park** lies in MP's **Sheopur** district; **Project Cheetah** began **17 Sep 2022**. |
| 92 | MP is India's **'Tiger State'** and holds the country's **largest forest cover**. |
| 93 | **Ladli Behna** transfers **₹1,500**/month via **DBT** to eligible women aged **21–60**. |
| 94 | **Moody's** pegged India's **FY27** growth at **7%**; **GIFT City** ranked **37th** in **GFCI 40**. |
| 95 | **India International Water Week 2026** theme: **'Climate Resilient Water Management'**. |
| 96 | **SLINEX-26** — the **13th** India–**Sri Lanka** naval exercise — was held at **Visakhapatnam**. |
| 97 | MP's second cheetah habitat: **Gandhi Sagar WLS** (Neemuch) |
| 98 | The 'Soybean State' of India: **Madhya Pradesh** |
| 99 | RBI repo rate (Aug 2026 policy): **5.25%** |
| 100 | UDAN full form: **Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik** |
| 101 | Ladli Behna monthly transfer: **₹1,500** |
| 102 | Gram Nyayalaya Act enacted in: **2008** |
| 103 | PM-KISAN annual support: **₹6,000** in **3 instalments** |
| 104 | MP GI wheat variety: **Sharbati** |
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MP is India's largest producer of **soybean** (the **'Soybean State'**) and a top **pulses/gram** grower.

106 MP holds India's **largest forest cover** and the most **tigers** (the **'Tiger State'**).

107 **Narmada** is MP's lifeline river; other major rivers: **Chambal, Betwa, Tapti (Tapi), Son**.

108 The **18th BRICS Summit** was hosted by **India in New Delhi** (Sep 12–13, 2026).

109 UNESCO World Heritage Sites in MP: **Khajuraho, Sanchi, Bhimbetka**.

110 Cheetahs in India total **56**, housed at **Kuno** and **Gandhi Sagar** (both in MP).

111 **Nomadic Elephant**: 18th India-**Mongolia** joint exercise began at **Pithoragarh** (Uttarakhand).

112 **ZT Lalrithangi** of Mizoram named in the FAO's **'100 Women in Agrifood Systems'** list.

113 **Maruti Suzuki** opened its first **green-hydrogen electrolyser** plant at Manesar (24 Sep).

114 Asian Games 2026 (**Aichi-Nagoya**): India's women's cricket team won **gold**, beating Sri Lanka by 147 runs.

115 Defence Ministry signed a **₹810.79 cr** deal for **160 SAT-SAAW** smart anti-airfield weapons.

116 **Great Indian Bustard** recorded breeding under a new drive; wild population under **150**.

117 Kuno National Park — Project Cheetah's first home — is in **Sheopur** district, MP.

118 **Mahakaleshwar** Jyotirlinga at **Ujjain** sits on the **Kshipra (Shipra)** river.

119 India's non-fossil capacity target: **500 GW by 2030**; net zero by **2070**.

120 **Article 108** of the UN Charter governs its amendment (needs all P5 + 2/3 UNGA).

121 **Sharbati** wheat, a premium variety, is grown in Madhya Pradesh.

122 **NCRB** functions under the **Ministry of Home Affairs**.

123 **Kuno National Park** (cheetahs) lies in MP's **Sheopur** district; the 2nd cheetah home is **Gandhi Sagar** Sanctuary.

124 The **16th Finance Commission** (chair **Arvind Panagariya**) covers the award period **2026-31**.

125 **Sharbati wheat** of **Sehore (MP)** carries a **GI tag**; MP is India's leading **wheat & soybean** state.

126 India's first port-based **e-methanol** plant is at **Kandla (Deendayal Port), Gujarat**.

127 The **61st Constitutional Amendment (1988)** lowered the voting age to **18** years.

128 **Exercise Tarang Shakti 2026** was held at **Jodhpur**; theme **'Power in Partnership'**.

129 **Bodhana Sivanandan (11)** becomes the **youngest-ever Woman Grandmaster** (England), at the **46th Chess Olympiad**, Samarkand.

130 **Air India** climbs **27 places to 57th** at the **Skytrax World Airline Awards 2026**; **Singapore Airlines** is No. 1.

131 India finishes **10th** at **WorldSkills Shanghai 2026** with **6 silver** and **20 Medallions for Excellence**.

132 **HAL–SkyPulse**: a **₹2,491 cr** framework for **30 light civil helicopters** (HEMS, disaster response, UDAN).

133 **9th India International Water Week 2026** held at **Bharat Mandapam**; theme **'Climate Resilient Water Management'**.

134 **30 September — International Translation Day** (feast of **St. Jerome**, patron of translators).

## Data points

**7.8%**

**India's Q1 FY2026-27 real GDP growth**

Real **GDP** grew **7.8%** (nominal **10.3%**) in Q1 **FY27** — among the fastest for a major economy; the **RBI** has pegged full-year **FY27** growth at **6.7%**.

**Crosses ₹1 lakh crore — a first**

**MP capital outlay, Budget 2026-27**

Out of a total budget of ₹4.38 lakh crore; fiscal deficit held at 3.87% of GSDP.

**Rs 4.38 lakh crore**

**MP Budget 2026-27 outlay**

A record women-centric budget: Rs 1.27 lakh crore for women's schemes, of which Rs 23,800 crore is earmarked for the flagship Ladli Behna Yojana. No new taxes were levied.

**₹18.48 lakh crore**

**MP GSDP (2026–27, projected)**

Total Budget size **₹3.88 lakh crore** • **~11%** GSDP growth • fiscal deficit targeted at **3.9%** of GSDP • capital outlay **₹78,920 crore**.

**₹1.99 lakh crore**

**Gross GST collection — August 2026**

Up **14.8%** year-on-year; refunds surged ~**68%**. Signals resilient consumption and deeper **formalisation** ahead of the festive season.

**Ladli Behna Yojana — five-year outlay (2026–31) for ~1.27 crore women**

**₹1,14,365 crore**

The single largest head in MP's ₹1.46 lakh crore welfare package — a scale that shapes the state's fiscal choices.

**~₹26.6 lakh crore**

**MP Global Investors Summit 2025 — investment intentions**

Record investment proposals received at **GIS 2025** in Bhopal across industry, energy, agriculture and services — the base for MP's ongoing global-investor outreach.

**₹8,144 cr**

**MP industrial push (BHAVYA)**

is the detailed-project-report cost of the 11 new plug-and-play industrial parks proposed over 9,047 acres in MP, under the ₹33,660-crore national BHAVYA scheme.

**4.82%**

**India Retail Inflation (CPI), August 2026**

Consumer Price Index inflation rose to 4.82% in August 2026 from 4.44% in July — the highest since December 2024 — with food inflation at 5.95%. It stays within the RBI's 4% (±2%) tolerance band.

**₹1,99,853 crore**

**August 2026 GST collection**

Up **14.8% YoY** over August 2025 (**₹1.74 lakh cr**). Domestic GST **₹1.37 lakh cr** (+9.3%); import GST **₹62,604 cr** (+29%). Cumulative Apr–Aug 2026: **₹10.42 lakh crore**.

**₹30.77 lakh crore**

**MP investment intent — Global Investors Summit 2025**

Record investment MoUs/intentions attracted at the Bhopal Global Investors Summit (Feb 2025); MP's task now is to convert these into ground-level industrial projects and jobs.

**₹600 cr → ₹27,000+ cr**

**MP farm budget & the ‘Soybean State’**
MP's **agriculture budget** grew from about **₹600 crore (2002-03)** to over **₹27,000 crore (2024-25)**; **2026** is the state's **‘Year of Agriculture’** and MP leads India in **soybean** output (the ‘Soybean State’).

**4.82%**

**CPI retail inflation (August 2026)**
Retail inflation rose for the **10th straight month** in August 2026, staying above the RBI's **4% target** but within the **2-6%** tolerance band. RBI's **FY27 forecast is ~4.6%**. Food and services prices were the key drivers.

**~85 lakh MT**

**MP MSP wheat procurement (record)**
Madhya Pradesh's MSP wheat procurement has neared a record **85 lakh metric tonnes**, underscoring its role as a top wheat-procuring state, with Rabi 2026–27 wheat priced at **₹2,600/quintal**.

**~85 lakh MT**

**MP wheat procurement at MSP (Rabi 2025-26)**
Madhya Pradesh — the wheat bowl and India's **'Soybean State'** — procured close to **85 lakh metric tonnes** of wheat at MSP. The state's Rabi **2026-27** wheat price is set at **Rs 2,600 per quintal** (including bonus), while the **Soybean MSP 2026-27** is **Rs 5,708 per quintal**.

**7%**

**India's FY27 GDP growth — Moody's upgrade**
Moody's raised India's FY27 real GDP growth forecast to **7%** from **6%**; Q1 FY27 was already **7.8%**, with inflation seen at **4.8%**.

**₹26.61 lakh crore**

**Record investment intentions at GIS-2025 (Madhya Pradesh)**
MP's highest-ever investment intentions, now being pursued through Regional Conclaves on the road to GIS-2027; converting intent into realised units is the next-stage challenge.

**₹18.48 lakh crore**

**MP GSDP (2026-27, projected)**
Madhya Pradesh's economy is projected at **₹18.48 lakh crore** for **2026-27** with real growth of about **11.14%** (2025-26) — among the fastest for large states — while the **Global Investors Summit 2025** drew investment intentions of about **₹26.6 lakh crore**.

**Cumulative FDI into India, FY2014-15 to FY2025-26**

**USD 843 billion**
Marking 12 years of Make in India, with a record annual inflow of USD 94.53 billion in FY2025-26 and 14.6 lakh jobs created under PLI schemes.

**8.2%**

**India real GDP growth**
Q1 FY2026-27 (Apr-Jun) — among the fastest of major economies, powered by manufacturing & services.

**7.8%**

**India's GDP growth, Q1 FY27 (Apr-Jun 2026)**
India's real GDP grew **7.8%** in **Q1 FY27**, beating expectations despite external headwinds — among the fastest for major economies. (official government data)

**₹/USD 7.35 billion**

**India's Net FDI — July 2026**

A **five-year high**, up **64% YoY**; gross inflows **USD 14.58 bn**. Communication, financial & computer services drew ~**60%** of equity.

## Practice MCQs — 44

**Q1. With reference to Madhya Pradesh's agriculture, consider: 1. MP is a leading producer of soybean. 2. For Rabi 2026-27, the state's total wheat procurement price is ₹2,600 per quintal. Which is/are correct?**

1. 1 only
2. 2 only
3. Both 1 and 2
4. Neither 1 nor 2

**Q2. Regarding the RBI's August 2026 monetary policy, consider: 1. The repo rate was kept unchanged at 5.25%. 2. FY27 real GDP growth was revised up to 6.7%. Which is/are correct?**

1. 1 only
2. 2 only
3. Both 1 and 2
4. Neither 1 nor 2

**Q3. With reference to Project Cheetah, consider the following: (1) Kuno National Park is in Madhya Pradesh. (2) The 2026 cheetah consignment came from Botswana. (3) Gandhi Sagar is being developed as a second cheetah home. Which are correct?**

1. 1 and 2 only
2. 2 and 3 only
3. 1 and 3 only
4. 1, 2 and 3

**Q4. Which statement about the National Accounts Statistics 2026 is correct?**

1. The base year shifted to 2011-12
2. PPI will replace CPI
3. The base year shifted to 2022-23 and PPI will replace WPI
4. IIP has been discontinued

**Q5. With reference to Project Cheetah, consider the following statements: 1. Kuno National Park is located in Madhya Pradesh. 2. Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary is being developed as a second cheetah habitat. 3. The cheetahs introduced under the project are of the Asiatic sub-species. Which of the statements given above are correct?**

1. 1 and 2 only
2. 2 and 3 only
3. 1 and 3 only
4. 1, 2 and 3

**Q6. Which of the following is/are correct about the Goods and Services Tax (GST) in India? 1. It is a destination-based consumption tax. 2. The GST Council is a constitutional body under Article 279A. 3. IGST is levied on intra-state supply of goods and services. Select the correct answer:**

1. 1 and 2 only
2. 2 and 3 only
3. 1 and 3 only
4. 1, 2 and 3

**Q7. Kuno National Park, associated with Project Cheetah, is located in which state?**

1. Rajasthan
2. Madhya Pradesh
3. Gujarat
4. Maharashtra

**Q8. Consider: (1) The Variable Rate Reverse Repo (VRRR) is used by the RBI to absorb liquidity. (2) The RBI's repo rate currently stands at 5.25%. Which is/are correct?**

1. 1 only
2. 2 only
3. Both 1 and 2
4. Neither 1 nor 2

**Q9. With reference to Project Cheetah, consider: 1) It was launched at Kuno National Park in Sheopur district. 2) Gandhi Sagar Sanctuary is being developed as a second cheetah home. Which is/are correct?**

1. 1 only
2. 2 only
3. Both 1 and 2
4. Neither 1 nor 2

**Q10. Which body grants 'Acceptance of Necessity' (AoN) in India's defence capital procurement?**

1. Cabinet Committee on Security
2. Defence Acquisition Council
3. DRDO
4. Integrated Defence Staff

**Q11. With reference to the recently approved 'NAMAN Mission', consider the following statements: 1. It is aimed at the conservation and rejuvenation of the Narmada river. 2. The Narmada is India's largest east-flowing river. 3. The Narmada rises at Amarkantak in Madhya Pradesh. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

1. 1 and 2 only
2. 1 and 3 only
3. 2 and 3 only
4. 1, 2 and 3

**Q12. 'Kuno National Park' and 'Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary', in the news for Project Cheetah, are located in which state?**

1. Rajasthan
2. Madhya Pradesh
3. Gujarat
4. Maharashtra

**Q13. With reference to Project Cheetah, consider the following statements: (1) Kuno National Park lies in the Chambal region of Madhya Pradesh. (2) Gandhi Sagar Sanctuary is proposed as the second cheetah home. (3) The first cheetahs (2022) were brought from Australia. Which are correct?**

1. 1 and 2 only
2. 2 and 3 only
3. 1 and 3 only
4. 1, 2 and 3

**Q14. The newly announced 'VB-GRAM-G' scheme of Madhya Pradesh is primarily related to which sector?**

1. Urban metro connectivity
2. Rural development and employment
3. Solar power generation
4. Women's pension

**Q15. Consider the following about Project Cheetah: (1) Kuno National Park is in Sheopur district of MP. (2) Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary is the second cheetah site. (3) Cheetahs were first reintroduced in 2022. Which of the above are correct?**

1. 1 and 2 only
2. 2 and 3 only
3. 1 and 3 only
4. 1, 2 and 3

**Q16. ‘Bhu-Aadhaar’, seen recently in the news, is best described as:**

1. A biometric ID for farmers
2. A 14-digit Unique Land Parcel Identification Number (ULPIN)
3. A soil-health card scheme
4. A crop-insurance portal

**Q17. With reference to Project Cheetah, consider the following statements: 1. It was launched at Kuno National Park in Sheopur district, MP. 2. The first cheetahs were brought from Namibia. 3. Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary is being developed as a second home. Which of the statements are correct?**

1. 1 and 2 only
2. 2 and 3 only
3. 1 and 3 only
4. 1, 2 and 3

**Q18. With reference to India's retail inflation (CPI), consider the following: 1. It is compiled by the National Statistical Office (MoSPI). 2. The RBI's inflation tolerance band is 2% to 6%. 3. The August 2026 CPI print was 4.82%. Which are correct?**

1. 1 and 2 only
2. 2 and 3 only
3. 1 and 3 only
4. 1, 2 and 3

**Q19. Consider the following statements about Project Cheetah: 1) It was launched at Kuno National Park. 2) Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary in MP is being developed as a second home for cheetahs. 3) The cheetahs were brought from Namibia and South Africa. Which of the statements are correct?**

1. 1 and 2 only
2. 2 and 3 only
3. 1 and 3 only
4. 1, 2 and 3

**Q20. The 'Ladli Behna Yojana', frequently in the news, is best described as which of the following?**

1. A Rajasthan crop-insurance scheme
2. A Madhya Pradesh monthly cash-transfer scheme for women
3. An Uttar Pradesh girl-child education scheme
4. A Bihar bicycle-distribution scheme

**Q21. Consider the following about Project Cheetah: 1) It is the world's first inter-continental translocation of a large carnivore. 2) The cheetahs were first released at Kanha National Park. 3) The cheetah was declared extinct in India in 1952. Which of the above are correct?**

1. 1 and 3 only
2. 2 and 3 only
3. 1 and 2 only
4. 1, 2 and 3

**Q22. With reference to the EPFO, consider: 1) It administers the Employees' Pension Scheme. 2) Its wage ceiling was raised to ₹25,000 per month in September 2026. 3) It functions under the Ministry of Finance. Which are correct?**

1. 1 and 2 only
2. 2 and 3 only
3. 1 and 3 only
4. 1, 2 and 3

**Q23. Which of the following (product – district) is correctly matched among Madhya Pradesh's 2026 GI-tagged horticultural crops?**

1. Noorjahan Mango – Alirajpur
2. Khargone Red Chilli – Betul
3. Barman Brinjal – Guna
4. Kumbhraj Coriander – Seoni

**Q24. With reference to Project Cheetah, consider: (1) It was launched at Kuno National Park in 2022. (2) Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary is being developed as a second cheetah home in MP. Which is/are correct?**

1. 1 only
2. 2 only
3. Both 1 and 2
4. Neither 1 nor 2

**Q25. With reference to Project Cheetah, consider the following statements: 1) It was launched at Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh. 2) The first cheetahs were brought from Namibia and South Africa. 3) The cheetah was declared extinct in India in 1952. Which of the above are correct?**

1. 1 and 2 only
2. 2 and 3 only
3. 1 and 3 only
4. 1, 2 and 3

**Q26. The Minimum Support Price (MSP) for crops is recommended by which of the following bodies?**

1. NITI Aayog
2. Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP)
3. Reserve Bank of India
4. Food Corporation of India

**Q27. With reference to Project Cheetah, consider the following: 1) It began in September 2022 with cheetahs from Namibia. 2) Kuno National Park is located in Madhya Pradesh. 3) The cheetah was declared extinct in India in 1952. Which are correct?**

1. 1 and 2 only
2. 2 and 3 only
3. 1 and 3 only
4. 1, 2 and 3

**Q28. The Mukhyamantri Ladli Behna Yojana of Madhya Pradesh is best described as:**

1. A crop insurance scheme for women farmers
2. A monthly Direct Benefit Transfer to eligible women
3. A free-education scheme for the girl child
4. A housing subsidy for rural women

**Q29. With reference to Project Cheetah, consider the following statements: 1. It was launched at Kuno National Park in Sheopur district. 2. The first cheetahs were brought from Namibia. 3. Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary is the second cheetah site in Madhya Pradesh. Which of the statements are correct?**

1. 1 and 2 only
2. 2 and 3 only
3. 1 and 3 only
4. 1, 2 and 3

**Q30. The Mukhyamantri Ladli Behna Yojana is associated with which state, and what is its regular monthly amount as of September 2026?**

1. Rajasthan; Rs 1,000
2. Madhya Pradesh; Rs 1,500
3. Madhya Pradesh; Rs 1,250
4. Maharashtra; Rs 1,500

**Q31. With reference to Project Cheetah, consider the following statements: 1. It was launched at Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh in September 2022. 2. Cheetahs were declared extinct in India in 1952. 3. Kuno National Park is located in the Sheopur district. Which of the statements given above are correct?**

1. 1 and 2 only
2. 2 and 3 only
3. 1 and 3 only
4. 1, 2 and 3

**Q32. The Swamitva Adhikar Abhilekh Nispadan Evam Panjiyan Yojana–2026, in the news, is associated with which of the following?**

1. Free registration of rural properties in Madhya Pradesh
2. A central crop insurance scheme
3. Urban housing subsidies in Uttar Pradesh
4. A tribal scholarship programme

**Q33. With reference to Project Cheetah, consider the following statements: 1. Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary is Madhya Pradesh's second cheetah habitat. 2. Kuno National Park is located in Madhya Pradesh. 3. The cheetah is listed as 'Endangered' on the IUCN Red List. Which of the statements given above are correct?**

1. 1 and 2 only
2. 2 and 3 only
3. 1 and 3 only
4. 1, 2 and 3

**Q34. Consider the following pairs of scheme and feature: 1. Ladli Behna — monthly cash transfer to women 2. PM-KISAN — ₹6,000 per year to farmer families 3. UDAN — regional air connectivity How many of the pairs given above are correctly matched?**

1. Only one
2. Only two
3. All three
4. None

**Q35. With reference to Project Cheetah, consider the following statements: 1. Cheetahs were first reintroduced at Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh. 2. Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary is the second home for cheetahs in India. 3. The cheetahs were brought from Australia. Which of the statements given above are correct?**

1. 1 and 2 only
2. 2 and 3 only
3. 1 and 3 only
4. 1, 2 and 3

**Q36. Consider the following statements regarding the India–EU Free Trade Agreement: 1. It is scheduled to be signed in Brussels in December 2026. 2. The EU will eliminate tariffs on 99.5% of Indian exports. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

1. 1 only
2. 2 only
3. Both 1 and 2
4. Neither 1 nor 2

**Q37. With reference to Project Cheetah, consider the following statements: (1) Cheetahs were declared extinct in India in 1952. (2) Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary is the second reintroduction site in Madhya Pradesh. (3) The cheetahs were sourced only from Australia. Which of the above are correct?**

1. 1 and 2 only
2. 1 and 3 only
3. 2 and 3 only
4. 1, 2 and 3

**Q38. The 'Mukhyamantri Sugam Parivahan Seva', launched in September 2026, is associated with which state?**

1. Rajasthan
2. Madhya Pradesh
3. Chhattisgarh
4. Uttar Pradesh

**Q39. Consider the following statements about Project Cheetah: 1. Kuno National Park is in Madhya Pradesh. 2. The cheetah was declared extinct in India in 1952. 3. Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary is a designated second home for cheetahs. Which of the statements given above are correct?**

1. 1 and 2 only
2. 2 and 3 only
3. 1 and 3 only
4. 1, 2 and 3

**Q40. The 'Ladli Behna Yojana', often in the news, is associated with which state and delivery mechanism?**

1. Rajasthan — food coupons
2. Madhya Pradesh — Direct Benefit Transfer
3. Uttar Pradesh — subsidised loans
4. Gujarat — in-kind rations

**Q41. Consider the following statements about Project Cheetah in Madhya Pradesh: 1. Kuno National Park is located in the Sheopur district. 2. Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary is being developed as the second home for cheetahs. 3. The cheetahs reintroduced in India belong to the Asiatic subspecies. Which of the statements given above are correct?**

1. 1 and 2 only
2. 2 and 3 only
3. 1 and 3 only
4. 1, 2 and 3

**Q42. With reference to the recently launched e-methanol plant, consider the following: 1. It is India's first port-based e-methanol production facility. 2. It is located at the Deendayal (Kandla) Port in Gujarat. 3. e-methanol is produced by combining green hydrogen with captured carbon dioxide. Which of the statements given above are correct?**

1. 1 and 2 only
2. 2 and 3 only
3. 1 and 3 only
4. 1, 2 and 3

**Q43. With reference to Project Cheetah, consider the following statements: 1. Kuno National Park lies in the Chambal river basin. 2. The first cheetahs introduced in 2022 were brought from South Africa. Which of the statements is/are correct?**

1. 1 only
2. 2 only
3. Both 1 and 2
4. Neither 1 nor 2

**Q44. The 'PRIM' route recently notified is associated with which of the following?**

1. Livestock insurance
2. Portfolio Managers investing in Mutual Funds
3. Blue bonds
4. Helicopter manufacturing

## Answer key & explanations

**Q1 — Answer: C**
MP is the 'Soybean State' and a top soybean producer; its Rabi **2026-27** wheat price is **₹2,585 MSP** + **₹15** state bonus = **₹2,600**/quintal. Both correct.

**Q2 — Answer: C**
The **MPC** held the repo rate at **5.25%** (neutral stance) and raised the **FY27** growth forecast to **6.7%** while cutting **CPI** to **5.0%**. Both correct.

**Q3 — Answer: D**
Kuno (MP) received nine cheetahs from Botswana in Feb 2026 and Gandhi Sagar Sanctuary is the planned second home — all three are correct.

**Q4 — Answer: C**
The new series adopts base year 2022-23 and introduces PPI to replace WPI (not CPI) for GDP deflation; IIP continues.

**Q5 — Answer: A**
Kuno (MP) hosts Project Cheetah and Gandhi Sagar is the planned second home, so 1 and 2 are correct. The cheetahs are African cheetahs (from Namibia, South Africa, Botswana), not the extinct Asiatic sub-species, so 3 is wrong.

**Q6 — Answer: A**
GST is destination-based (1 correct) and the GST Council is established under Article 279A (2 correct). IGST applies to inter-state supply, not intra-state (CGST+SGST apply intra-state), so 3 is wrong.

**Q7 — Answer: B**
Kuno lies in Sheopur district of Madhya Pradesh; cheetahs were brought from Namibia and South Africa from 2022, and the range now extends to the Gandhi Sagar Sanctuary.

**Q8 — Answer: C**
VRRR auctions mop up surplus liquidity from the banking system; the RBI has held the repo rate at 5.25% with a neutral stance.

**Q9 — Answer: C**
Project Cheetah began at **Kuno (Sheopur)** on **17 Sept 2022**; **Gandhi Sagar** (Mandsaur–Neemuch) is being readied as a second habitat. Both correct.

**Q10 — Answer: B**
The **Defence Acquisition Council (DAC)**, chaired by the **Defence Minister**, grants **AoN**, the first step in capital acquisition.

**Q11 — Answer: B**
NAMAN (Nirmal Evam Aviral Maa Narmada) targets Narmada conservation (1 correct). The Narmada is a major **west-flowing** river, not east-flowing (2 wrong). It rises at **Amarkantak** (3 correct).

**Q12 — Answer: B**
Both **Kuno** and **Gandhi Sagar** are in **Madhya Pradesh**; they anchor Project Cheetah, launched at Kuno on 17 Sep 2022.

**Q13 — Answer: A**
Kuno (Sheopur) is in the Chambal landscape and Gandhi Sagar is the proposed second home, so (1) and (2) are correct. The first cheetahs came from **Namibia** and South Africa, not Australia, so (3) is wrong.

**Q14 — Answer: B**
**VB-GRAM-G** (outlay **₹29,619 crore**, effective **1 July 2026**) is MP's rural development and employment scheme, functioning as a state model alongside the MGNREGA framework.

**Q15 — Answer: D**
All three are correct — Kuno (Sheopur) is the first site, Gandhi Sagar (Mandsaur–Neemuch) the second, and reintroduction began in September 2022.

**Q16 — Answer: B**
Bhu-Aadhaar is the 14-digit ULPIN under DILRMP 3.0 for unique identification of every land parcel.

**Q17 — Answer: D**
Project Cheetah began at Kuno (Sheopur) on 17 Sep 2022 with 8 Namibian cheetahs; Gandhi Sagar (Mandsaur-Neemuch) is the second planned habitat. All three are correct.

**Q18 — Answer: D**
CPI is released by NSO/MoSPI; the RBI's flexible inflation target is 4% with a 2%-6% band; the August 2026 reading was 4.82%. All correct.

**Q19 — Answer: D**
All three are correct. Project Cheetah began at Kuno (Sheopur, MP) on 17 Sep 2022 with cheetahs from Namibia and South Africa, and Gandhi Sagar WLS is the designated second site.

**Q20 — Answer: B**
Ladli Behna Yojana is a Madhya Pradesh Direct Benefit Transfer scheme giving eligible women a monthly cash transfer (currently ₹1,500), with a stated roadmap toward ₹3,000.

**Q21 — Answer: A**
Cheetahs were first released at **Kuno National Park**, not Kanha, so statement 2 is wrong. Statements 1 and 3 are correct.

**Q22 — Answer: A**
EPFO works under the **Ministry of Labour & Employment**, not Finance, so statement 3 is wrong. Statements 1 and 2 are correct.

**Q23 — Answer: A**
Noorjahan Mango is from Alirajpur. Khargone Red Chilli is from Khargone, Barman Brinjal from Narsinghpur, and Kumbhraj Coriander from Guna.

**Q24 — Answer: C**
Both are correct: Project Cheetah began at Kuno NP (Sheopur) in September 2022, and Gandhi Sagar WLS (Mandsaur–Neemuch) is the designated second habitat.

**Q25 — Answer: D**
All three are correct. Kuno (MP) hosted the launch on 17 Sep 2022; the first cheetahs came from Namibia (2022) and South Africa (2023); India declared the cheetah extinct in 1952.

**Q26 — Answer: B**
MSP is recommended by the CACP (under the Ministry of Agriculture) and approved by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs. FCI is the procurement/storage agency.

**Q27 — Answer: D**
All three are correct: Project Cheetah began on **17 September 2022** with **8 Namibian** cheetahs at **Kuno NP (MP)**; the cheetah was declared **extinct in India in 1952**.

**Q28 — Answer: B**
Ladli Behna provides a monthly **DBT** (currently **₹1,500**) to eligible women aged **21–60**, launched in **2023**.

**Q29 — Answer: D**
All three are correct. Project Cheetah began on 17 September 2022 at Kuno (Sheopur) with 8 Namibian cheetahs, and Gandhi Sagar sanctuary is the second cheetah home in MP.

**Q30 — Answer: B**
It is a Madhya Pradesh scheme paying Rs 1,500 per month via DBT; the 40th instalment was released on 13 September 2026.

**Q31 — Answer: D**
All three are correct. Project Cheetah began on 17 September 2022 at Kuno NP (Sheopur district, MP); cheetahs were declared extinct in India in 1952.

**Q32 — Answer: A**
Madhya Pradesh launched the scheme to register about 50 lakh rural properties free of stamp duty and registration fees — a national first, building on the Centre's SVAMITVA drone-survey scheme.

**Q33 — Answer: A**
Gandhi Sagar (Neemuch) is MP's second cheetah site and Kuno is in MP, so 1 and 2 are correct. The cheetah is IUCN 'Vulnerable', not 'Endangered', so 3 is wrong.

**Q34 — Answer: C**
All three pairs are correctly matched: Ladli Behna gives monthly cash to women, PM-KISAN gives ₹6,000/year to farmers, and UDAN is the regional connectivity scheme.

**Q35 — Answer: A**
Cheetahs were brought from Africa (Namibia, South Africa, Botswana) — not Australia, so 3 is wrong. Kuno (2022) was the first site and Gandhi Sagar the second, so 1 and 2 are correct.

**Q36 — Answer: C**
Both are correct: the deal is set for signing in Brussels on 16 December 2026, and the EU is to remove tariffs on 99.5% of Indian exports (India opening ~97.5% of traded value).

**Q37 — Answer: A**
Cheetahs were brought from Namibia and South Africa, not Australia; hence statements 1 and 2 are correct while 3 is wrong.

**Q38 — Answer: B**
It is Madhya Pradesh's revived public bus service, flagged off on 25 September 2026 after a 21-year gap.

**Q39 — Answer: D**
All three are correct. Kuno (Sheopur, MP) is the first home, the cheetah was declared extinct in India in 1952, and Gandhi Sagar Sanctuary is the designated second reintroduction site.

**Q40 — Answer: B**
Ladli Behna Yojana is Madhya Pradesh's flagship women's welfare scheme, transferring monthly cash directly to bank accounts through DBT.

**Q41 — Answer: A**
Kuno is in Sheopur district and Gandhi Sagar is the second cheetah home, so statements 1 and 2 are correct. The reintroduced cheetahs are of the African subspecies (from Namibia and South Africa), not Asiatic, so statement 3 is wrong.

**Q42 — Answer: D**
All three are correct: it is India's first port-based e-methanol plant, located at Deendayal (Kandla) Port, Gujarat, and e-methanol combines green hydrogen with captured CO2 to serve as a low-carbon shipping fuel.

**Q43 — Answer: A**
Kuno is on the **Chambal** basin (Sheopur, MP), so 1 is correct. The **first 8 cheetahs (Sep 2022) came from Namibia**; South African cheetahs arrived in **Feb 2023**, so 2 is wrong.

**Q44 — Answer: B**
**PRIM** = **Portfolio Managers investing in Mutual Funds**, a new SEBI route with a **₹25 lakh** minimum ticket.

## Mains practice questions

1. "Madhya Pradesh's welfare transfers and assured farm procurement are reshaping its rural economy." Examine, with recent examples. (GS-III)
   Link Ladli Behna (**DBT** to **1.2 crore**+ women) and **VB-G RAM** G rural jobs with record moong procurement and assured wheat/soybean prices; weigh fiscal cost vs rural demand and equity.
2. Flagship direct-benefit schemes such as Ladli Behna have reshaped welfare in Madhya Pradesh. Examine their socio-economic impact and fiscal sustainability. (250 words)
   Cover women's financial autonomy and DBT; coverage (1.25 crore women, ₹1,500 rising toward ₹3,000); the ₹23,882 crore outlay against a 3.87% fiscal deficit; and the need for outcome monitoring.
3. Madhya Pradesh's identity rests on being India's 'Tiger State', 'Cheetah State' and 'Soybean State'. Discuss how the state can convert this ecological and agricultural leadership into sustainable livelihoods, while safeguarding its forests and water resources. (250 words)
   Link Project Cheetah/Kuno-Gandhi Sagar and tiger reserves to eco-tourism jobs; connect soybean MSP, Bhavantar and food-processing clusters; weave in Narmada/wetland (Bhoj) conservation and PESA-based tribal participation. Balance conservation with livelihood.
4. Madhya Pradesh's identity as the 'Tiger State' and the home of Project Cheetah gives it a distinctive role in India's conservation story. Discuss the ecological and socio-economic opportunities and challenges of MP's wildlife-tourism model. (250 words)
   Cover tiger and cheetah numbers and reserves, PESA and tribal livelihoods, the state's forest cover, human–wildlife conflict, corridor protection, and eco-tourism benefit-sharing.
5. Madhya Pradesh is increasingly leveraging Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) across energy and transport to accelerate investment. Examine the opportunities and risks of the PPP model for a resource-rich state. (250 words)
   Define PPP; cite MP examples (ADB renewable mandate, transport summit, Rewa solar); benefits (capital, efficiency, risk-sharing); risks (renegotiation, user-fee equity, contingent liabilities); way forward (robust contracts, independent regulation, transparency).
6. "Madhya Pradesh's welfare architecture increasingly rests on large direct-benefit schemes like Ladli Behna." Examine the fiscal sustainability and social-justice implications of this approach for the state. (250 words)
   Cover: DBT design & targeting; scale (₹1.14 lakh cr outlay); revenue vs. committed expenditure; women's empowerment outcomes; trade-offs with capex; suggest a way forward.
7. Madhya Pradesh, home to India's largest tribal population, must balance forest-based development with the free, prior and informed consent of Gram Sabhas. Critically examine in light of the Forest Rights Act, 2006 and PESA, 1996. (250 words)
   Cover FRA community and individual rights, PESA Gram Sabha powers in Scheduled Areas, the Niyamgiri free-prior-informed-consent principle, forest-diversion data and compliance gaps, and a balanced way forward across ecology, tribal rights and development.
8. Discuss how modern public-transport initiatives and land-records digitisation can accelerate Madhya Pradesh's rural economy. (250 words)
   Link Sugam Parivahan (market access, e-mobility) and DILRMP 3.0 / Bhu-Aadhaar (credit access, fewer disputes); add fiscal and implementation challenges.
9. Madhya Pradesh's simultaneous pursuit of large welfare transfers (e.g., Ladli Behna) and a ₹41,000 crore asset-creating development package reflects a balance between direct benefit transfers and capital investment. Critically examine this fiscal strategy for a state economy. (250 words)
   Discuss DBT's demand-side and empowerment gains vs capex's supply-side multipliers; touch fiscal

deficit, debt sustainability, targeting, and execution capacity; conclude with a balanced, MP-specific view.

10. Madhya Pradesh's development model increasingly rests on large welfare cash transfers alongside heavy capital spending. Examine the fiscal-sustainability and social-justice implications, drawing on recent state cabinet decisions. (250 words)
    Contrast recurring DBT (Ladli Behna) with capex (irrigation, Samagra Shiksha); discuss FRBM limits, revenue vs capital expenditure, welfare outcomes and women-led development, and the trade-off between subsidies and asset creation.
11. Project Cheetah has been described as both an ecological experiment and a governance challenge. In the light of four years of implementation in Madhya Pradesh, examine its achievements and the challenges of sustaining a wild cheetah population. (250 words)
    Cover translocation success (52 cheetahs, 32 India-born), the second-home strategy (Gandhi Sagar, Veerangana Durgavati/Nauradehi), mortality and carrying-capacity concerns, and community livelihoods/eco-tourism.
12. Madhya Pradesh's new Sugam Parivahan Bus Seva and its record 12 GI tags reflect a governance approach that ties public-service delivery to the rural economy. Examine.
    Link improved rural connectivity → better market access → GI-based branding of local produce → higher farm incomes and jobs; add challenges of fiscal sustainability and quality control.
13. 'Madhya Pradesh has emerged as India's laboratory for both wildlife conservation and welfare delivery.' Examine with reference to Project Cheetah and the state's flagship welfare schemes.
    Link the Tiger/Leopard/Cheetah-state status and the Kuno-Gandhi Sagar metapopulation with DBT-based schemes like Ladli Behna; discuss the ecology-economy-equity balance and fiscal sustainability.
14. "Direct Benefit Transfer schemes for women, such as Madhya Pradesh's Ladli Behna Yojana, are politically popular but fiscally demanding." Critically examine. (250 words)
    Cover empowerment & DBT leakage reduction (JAM), Article 15(3); balance against fiscal burden, sustainability and the need to link cash with skilling and jobs.
15. Project Cheetah has been described as both a conservation milestone and an ecological experiment. Critically examine its progress in Madhya Pradesh and the challenges that lie ahead. (250 words)
    Trace translocation from Namibia and South Africa; note the population of 56 and the India-born share; discuss the Kuno and Gandhi Sagar habitats, cub mortality, carrying capacity and prey base; and weigh eco-tourism livelihoods against ecological risk.
16. "Project Cheetah is as much a test of habitat management as of political will." Examine the ecological and administrative challenges of cheetah reintroduction in Madhya Pradesh, and suggest a way forward. (250 words)
    Cover prey-base and territory needs, mortality/disease risks, second-home sites (Gandhi Sagar, Nauradehi), human-wildlife interface and livelihoods, the Kuno irrigation-dam trade-off, and MP's status as Tiger/Forest State.
17. Cash-transfer welfare schemes such as Ladli Behna have reshaped state politics and household budgets in Madhya Pradesh. Critically examine their impact on women's empowerment and the state's fiscal health. (250 words)
    Cover DBT mechanics & leakage reduction, women's agency and financial inclusion, evidence on outcomes; balance against rising committed expenditure, crowding-out of capital spending, and sustainability. Suggest a way forward (targeting, outcome-linked design).
18. State-led welfare cash transfers such as the Ladli Behna Yojana have reshaped social security in Madhya Pradesh. Examine their impact on women's empowerment and their fiscal sustainability. (GS-II / GS-III)

Use figures — ₹1,500/month to ~1.25 crore women (~₹1,835 cr/month) against a GSDP of ₹18.48 lakh crore; weigh empowerment and consumption gains versus the trade-off with capital expenditure.

19. 'Reviving public bus transport and building grassroots sports infrastructure reflect a shift toward service-delivery-led governance in Madhya Pradesh.' Discuss with recent examples. (250 words)
    Cover Sugam Parivahan Seva (351 buses, revival after 21 years), the constituency-level sports complexes, and DBT welfare such as Ladli Behna; link them to accessibility, employment and inclusive growth, and note fiscal-sustainability concerns.
20. Madhya Pradesh has emerged as a national leader in wildlife conservation even as it pursues infrastructure-led growth. Discuss with reference to Project Cheetah and the state's forest resources. (250 words)
    Cover MP as the Tiger/Cheetah State, Kuno-Gandhi Sagar, largest forest cover, and the conservation-vs-development balance (e.g., Simhastha/road works).
21. "Direct cash-transfer schemes for women, such as Madhya Pradesh's Ladli Behna Yojana, have become central to state welfare politics." Critically examine their impact on women's empowerment and state finances. (250 words)
    Discuss DBT design and reach; gains in autonomy and consumption vs. limited effect on female labour-force participation; fiscal burden and trade-offs with capital/skilling spends; suggest better targeting, convergence with skilling and outcome monitoring.
22. Welfare-plus-capex state budgets, as seen in Madhya Pradesh's recent ₹24,500 crore cabinet package, must balance social spending with fiscal prudence. Discuss.
    Use **DBT** efficiency, **capex multiplier**, revenue vs capital spend, and **FRBM** limits; link to MP's growth priorities.

## One-line revision — the whole month

- **Saturday, 5 September 2026:** Revise: MP Cabinet **₹41,000** cr + **VB-G RAM** G • daytime irrigation power • moong **5.33 lakh** t • wheat **₹2,600**/qtl • cheetahs **57** • **RBI** repo **5.25%**, **GDP 6.7%** • **EOS-05** • **SCO** Bishkek.
- **Sunday, 6 September 2026:** Remember: MP is the Tiger State and India's only Cheetah State; Ladli Behna pays ₹1,500/month to ~1.25 crore women; the MP Budget is ₹4.38 lakh crore with capex over ₹1 lakh crore; PPI is set to replace WPI on a 2022-23 base year.
- **Monday, 7 September 2026:** Remember today: MP Rs 41,000 cr package & 'Kavach' scheme, Soybean MSP Rs 4,892, Cheetah to Gandhi Sagar (Sept 17), Bhoj Wetland-NGT; GST Rs 1.99 lakh cr (+14.8%), JCR 'A-' upgrade, SC-RBI co-op bank ruling, 'Samudra Manthan' scheme.
- **Tuesday, 8 September 2026: ₹41,000 cr** MP Cabinet package • **VB–G RAM G ₹29,619 cr** • MP **785 tigers → 1,000+** target • GSDP **~₹18.48 lakh cr** • **DAC ₹1.10 lakh cr** • RBI drains **₹6 lakh cr**, repo **5.25%** • JCR upgrades India to **'A–'** • **BRICS Summit New Delhi 12–13 Sep**
- **Wednesday, 9 September 2026:** MP = Tiger State (**785** tigers), Soybean State & largest forest cover — today: **ADB ₹1-billion renewable PPP**, **GST ₹1.99 lakh cr (+14.8%)**, **Defence AoN ₹1.10 lakh cr**.
- **Thursday, 10 September 2026:** Remember today: NAMAN Mission (Narmada) • ₹1.46 lakh cr MP welfare package • Ladli Behna 40th installment (1.27 cr women) • Project Cheetah at 57 • WDFC (~14 hrs) • Soybean MSP up ~7%.
- **Friday, 11 September 2026:** Revise five: MP's **₹41,000 cr / VB-GRAM-G** package, **Ladli Behna's 5-year** extension, **Kuno cheetahs at 53**, Indore's **transport summit**, and the completed **Western DFC**.

- **Saturday, 12 September 2026:** Revise: Sugam Parivahan (25 Sep) • Cheetah Dheera → Gandhi Sagar (17 Sep) • BHAVYA 11 parks / ₹8,144 cr • Bhu-Aadhaar = 14-digit ULPIN • Chennai Declaration (BRICS STI) • Yudh Abhyas (India-US) • CE20 / Gaganyaan.
- **Tuesday, 15 September 2026:** MP today = ₹41,000 cr Cabinet push + Ladli Behna 40th (₹1,500 x 1.25 cr) + Project Cheetah at ~4 yrs + Ujjain's Sep 17 lamp record; nationally, CPI 4.82%, Bankers' Books Act from Oct 1, and India-France space diplomacy.
- **Wednesday, 16 September 2026:** 16 Sep revision — ₹42,490 cr MP cabinet • Ladli Behna 40th (₹1,500) • Cheetahs at Gandhi Sagar • 5.33 LT moong at MSP • Simhastha 2028 • GST ₹1.99 lakh cr • BRICS Delhi • ISA presidency • ISRO EOS-05 • World Ozone Day.
- **Thursday, 17 September 2026:** 17 Sep 2026: Project Cheetah turns 4 (52 cheetahs) • MP Cabinet clears ₹42,490 cr • EPFO ceiling ₹15k→₹25k • India GDP 7.8% (Q1 FY27) • SC backs RBI over co-op bank boards.
- **Friday, 18 September 2026:** 18 Sep 2026: MP clears ₹42,490 cr (₹36,006 cr for Samagra Shiksha) & readies Sugam Parivahan Bus Seva (25 Sep); Centre raises EPFO ceiling to ₹25,000, frees UPI up to ₹2,000, and PM opens SEMICON India 2026.
- **Saturday, 19 September 2026:** Cheetah 52 (Kuno 49 + Gandhi Sagar 3) • CPI 4.82% • Ladli Behna ₹1,500 • Soybean MSP ₹5,708/qtl • Simhastha 2028 at Ujjain
- **Sunday, 20 September 2026:** Remember today: **₹42,490 cr** MP cabinet package • **Ladli Behna** 40th installment (**₹1,500** / **1.25 cr** women) • **Project Cheetah** 4 years, **4** cubs at **Kuno** • **RBI repo 5.25%**, **CPI 4.82%** • **51,000** Rozgar Mela letters.
- **Monday, 21 September 2026:** Kuno cheetahs 56 (36 India-born) | MP Cabinet Rs 42,490 cr | Ladli Behna 40th, Rs 1,500 to 1.25 cr women | EPFO ceiling Rs 25,000 | GIFT City 37th (GFCI 40) | Delhi tops EV Index 2025.
- **Tuesday, 22 September 2026:** REVISE: Project Cheetah — 4 yrs, Kuno (Sheopur), 52 cheetahs (32 India-born) • MP Swamitva-2026 free registration of 50 lakh rural properties • Ladli Behna 40th: ₹1,500 to 1.25 cr women • Moody's FY27 GDP 7% • KAL drone 1,000 km.
- **Wednesday, 23 September 2026:** Cabinet ₹13,790 cr • Cheetahs 56 (Gandhi Sagar 2nd home) • Ladli Behna 40th ₹1,500 • Repo 5.25%, FY27 GDP 6.7% • UDAN 21 states, ₹28,840 cr • PM-KISAN ₹3.15 lakh cr.
- **Thursday, 24 September 2026:** Revise: Sugam Parivahan Bus Seva (Sep 25, 1,036+ routes) • MP Cabinet ₹42,490 cr (Samagra Shiksha ₹36,006 cr) • Ladli Behna ₹1,500 • Cheetahs 56 (Kuno + Gandhi Sagar) • Simhastha-2028 ₹25,000 cr • India–EU FTA 99.5% • OECD India 7.1% • US Fed 3.75–4%.
- **Friday, 25 September 2026:** Sugam Parivahan (351 buses, after 21 yrs) - MP Cabinet: sports complex in every seat (₹960 cr) - Project Cheetah 4 yrs, CCB2 at Gandhi Sagar - Ladli Behna 40th (₹1,835 cr) - Make in India @12 (FDI USD 843 bn) - India-NZ FTA in force 20 Oct.
- **Monday, 28 September 2026:** MP = Soybean State + Tiger/Cheetah State; Kuno in Sheopur; Ladli Behna = DBT for women; UNSC reform needs 2/3 UNGA + all P5 (Art. 108); India GDP Q1 FY26 = 8.2%.
- **Tuesday, 29 September 2026:** Remember today: MP Cabinet Rs 13,790 cr (16th FC, 140 sports complexes) | Kuno cheetahs 56 | Ladli Behna 40th kist Rs 1,500 | India's 1st port e-methanol (Kandla) & 1st LNG train (Sabarmati) | UNGA Sea Level Rise Declaration | Tarang Shakti 2026 (Jodhpur) | GDP Q1 FY27 7.8%.
- **Wednesday, 30 September 2026:** MP: 20% ex-Agniveer quota + ₹24,500 cr package | Cheetah count 57 (Kuno 54) | Simhastha-2028 Kanh duct ₹358 cr || National: Net FDI ₹7.35 bn (5-yr high), SEBI 'PRIM', India's first Blue Bond ₹600 cr, KAZIND-2026.