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TODAY AT A GLANCE — 10 THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Madhya Pradesh celebrates its **70th Foundation Day** (formed 1 Nov 1956).
- PM inaugurates **Bharat Renewable Energy Summit & Expo 2026** at Bharat Mandapam.
- MP govt reports **~24% industrial growth** and **₹12 lakh crore** investment realised.
- India nearing **300 GW** of **non-fossil** installed power capacity.
- **Ladli Behna Yojana** 41st instalment: **₹1,500** to **~1.25 crore** women.
- EPFO wage ceiling approved up to **₹25,000**; coverage at **68.4%** in 2026.
- MP to float a state-owned **MSME Industrial Development Company**.
- **NavIC NVS-03** placed in orbit via **GSLV-F18** (20th GSLV flight).
- Third cheetah home opened at **Veerangana Durgavati (Nauradehi) Tiger Reserve**.
- **Global Innovation Index 2026**: India ranks **38th of 139** economies.

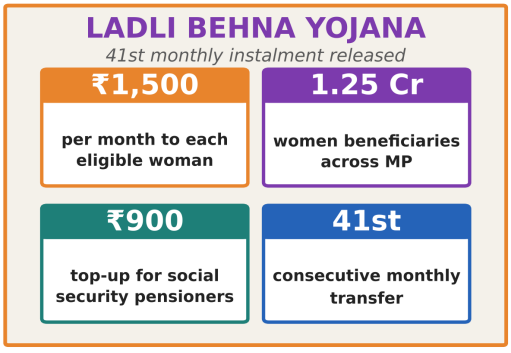
SECTION A • MADHYA PRADESH SPECIAL

State schemes • policy • ecology • economy

Madhya Pradesh marks 70th Foundation Day

[MADHYA PRADESH] MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-I (MP History & Culture)

Syllabus Linkage	MP formation & statehood; state symbols; GS-I MP society & culture; Prelims: MP static GK.
Context	Madhya Pradesh observed its **70th Foundation Day (Sthapana Diwas)** on **1 November 2026**. The state was formed on **1 November 1956** under the States Reorganisation Act. Leaders highlighted heritage alongside a development push.
Key Facts	● MP was created on **1 November 1956**; **Bhopal** is the capital. ● The state reports **~24% industrial growth** (earlier negative) and **agriculture growth above 24%**. ● **₹12 lakh crore** investment said to be realised on the ground. ● MP ranks **3rd in India in milk production**; **2026 = Farmer Welfare Year** (2025 was Industry Year). ● Farmers to get **four times the land value** on acquisition for projects.
Way Fwd	Translate headline growth into jobs via textile parks and industrial clusters, and ensure benefits reach the last citizen.
Concept	MP is India's **second-largest state by area**; reorganised in 2000 when **Chhattisgarh** was carved out. Formation follows **Article 3** & the **States Reorganisation Act, 1956**.



MADHYA PRADESH @ 70 — GROWTH SNAPSHOT



Ladli Behna Yojana: 41st instalment released

[MADHYA PRADESH] MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Governance & Social Justice)

Syllabus Linkage	Welfare schemes; women empowerment; DBT; GS-II social justice; Prelims: MP flagship schemes.
Context	The Madhya Pradesh government released the **41st monthly instalment** of the **Mukhyamantri Ladli Behna Yojana**, a direct benefit transfer to women, continuing its flagship women-welfare programme.
Key Facts	● **₹1,500** transferred to each eligible woman via **DBT**. ● About **1.25 crore** women are beneficiaries across the state. ● Women also drawing social-security pension get a **₹900** component. ● The transfer was paired with **136 development works** worth about **₹144.16 crore**. ● Scheme aims at women's **economic self-reliance** and nutrition.
Way Fwd	Sustain fiscal space for recurring DBT while linking beneficiaries to livelihood and self-help group credit for durable empowerment.
Concept	**DBT** routes funds straight to **Aadhaar-linked** bank accounts, cutting leakages. Compare with similar state women-income schemes; a Prelims favourite among MP flagship programmes.

MP to set up state-owned MSME Development Company

[MADHYA PRADESH] MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (MP Economy & Industry)

Syllabus Linkage	MSMEs; industrial policy; employment; GS-III economy; Prelims: MP industry schemes.
Context	The state announced a fully state-owned **MSME Industrial Development Company (MSME-IDC)** to provide industrial infrastructure and land to micro, small and medium enterprises across all regions.
Key Facts	● **₹450 crore+** incentives transferred to **900+ MSME units**; **₹47.80 crore** to **120+ startups**. ● Private industrial-park developers to get a **₹50 lakh per hectare** state grant. ● **30 new industrial areas** targeted by **2028**, with plots for **5,000 units**. ● Target of **3,000 plots** this financial year (1,250 allotted last year). ● Loans extended under the **Mukhyamantri Udyam Kranti Yojana**.
Way Fwd	Ensure single-window clearances and timely land allotment so MSME infrastructure converts into on-ground enterprises and jobs.
Concept	**MSMEs** are classified by investment & turnover (revised 2020). They are major drivers of **employment and exports**; state SPVs ease land and credit access.

Madhya Pradesh gets its third cheetah habitat

[MADHYA PRADESH] MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (Environment & Ecology)

Syllabus Linkage	Project Cheetah; protected areas; wildlife conservation; GS-III environment; Prelims: MP wildlife.
Context	Madhya Pradesh opened a **third cheetah habitat** at the **Veerangana Durgavati (Nauradehi) Tiger Reserve** in the **Bundelkhand** region, expanding India's cheetah reintroduction under **Project Cheetah** (launched **2022**).
Key Facts	● Two cheetahs, **Vyom and Neera**, released at the reserve. ● It is MP's **3rd cheetah home** after **Kuno NP (Sheopur)** and **Gandhi Sagar (Mandsaur)**. ● The reserve spans about **2,339 sq km** across **Sagar, Damoh & Narsinghpur**. ● India's cheetah project count has reached about **60** big cats. ● MP is the **'Tiger State'** and **'Leopard State'** with India's **largest forest cover**.
Way Fwd	Focus on prey-base augmentation, predator coexistence (tigers/leopards) and survival monitoring to make reintroduction self-sustaining.
Concept	**Project Cheetah** reintroduced the **African cheetah** after local extinction (1952). **Kuno** was the first site; cheetah is the world's **fastest land animal**.

PROJECT CHEETAH IN MADHYA PRADESH — 3 HABITATS

MP: "Tiger State" • "Leopard State" • largest forest cover in India



2026 as MP's 'Farmer Welfare Year'; wheat MSP push

[MADHYA PRADESH] MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (Agriculture & MP Economy)

Syllabus Linkage	MSP & procurement; agri reforms; crops of MP; GS-III agriculture; Prelims: MP crops/rivers.
Context	Madhya Pradesh is observing **2026 as the Farmer Welfare Year**, pairing welfare transfers with assured **MSP procurement** of wheat for the upcoming **Rabi 2026-27** season.
Key Facts	● State has signalled a wheat procurement price of about **₹2,600 per quintal** for **Rabi 2026-27**. ● MP is India's **'Soybean State'** and a leading **wheat** producer (incl. GI-tagged **Sharbati** wheat). ● Key rivers: **Narmada**, **Chambal**, **Betwa**, **Tapti (Tapi)** and **Son**. ● Four-times land value promised to farmers on land acquisition. ● Push on pulses/gram and irrigation in the **Narmada valley**.
Way Fwd	Diversify beyond wheat-soybean, strengthen cold chains and crop insurance, and widen MSP procurement coverage to stabilise farm incomes.
Concept	**MSP** is recommended by the **CACP**; procurement supports price stability. **GI tag** protects origin-linked products such as **Sharbati wheat** and **Chinnor rice**.

SECTION B • DATA POINT OF THE DAY

MP STATE ECONOMY — INVESTMENT REALISED

₹12 lakh crore

Investment the Madhya Pradesh government says has been realised on the ground, alongside an industrial growth rate of about 24% (earlier negative) and agricultural growth above 24%, per the state Foundation Day address. 2026 is observed as the state's Farmer Welfare Year.

SECTION C • NATIONAL & WORLD

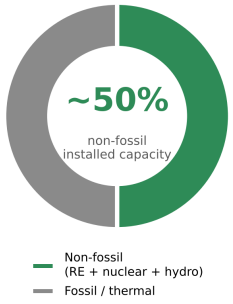
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PM opens Bharat Renewable Energy Summit & Expo 2026

[ENVIRONMENT] **MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (Environment & Economy)**

Syllabus Linkage	Renewable energy; climate diplomacy; ISA; green hydrogen; GS-III; Prelims: energy institutions.
Context	The **Prime Minister inaugurated the Bharat Renewable Energy Summit & Expo (BRESE) 2026** at **Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi** on **2 November 2026**, convening the global clean-energy value chain.
Key Facts	● Held **2–5 November 2026**; **130+ countries** participating. ● First time co-hosted with the **9th ISA Assembly** and **4th Intl. Conference on Green Hydrogen**. ● Four pillars: **policy stability, market creation, ecosystem development, transmission**. ● Official logo '**URJHA Chakra**' and a digital portal/app launched. ● Focus areas: **battery storage, floating solar, agrivoltaics, green hydrogen**.
Way Fwd	Scale transmission and storage to firm up variable renewables, and mobilise green finance for the next phase of the energy transition.
Concept	The **International Solar Alliance (ISA)** is HQ'd at **Gurugram**, co-founded by India & France. **National Green Hydrogen Mission** targets large-scale green-H2 output.

INDIA'S INSTALLED POWER CAPACITY MIX (approx.)



BHARAT RE SUMMIT & EXPO 2026

4 pillars of India's clean-energy transition



India nearing 300 GW non-fossil capacity
130+ countries • Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
Co-hosts 9th ISA Assembly + 4th Green H2 Conf.

India nearing 300 GW non-fossil power capacity

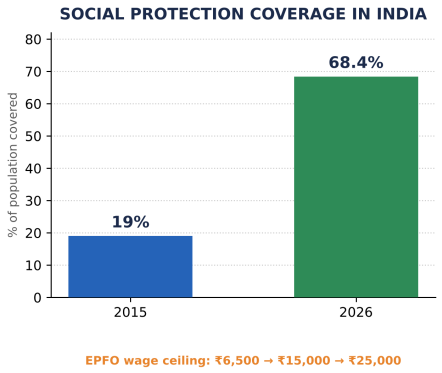
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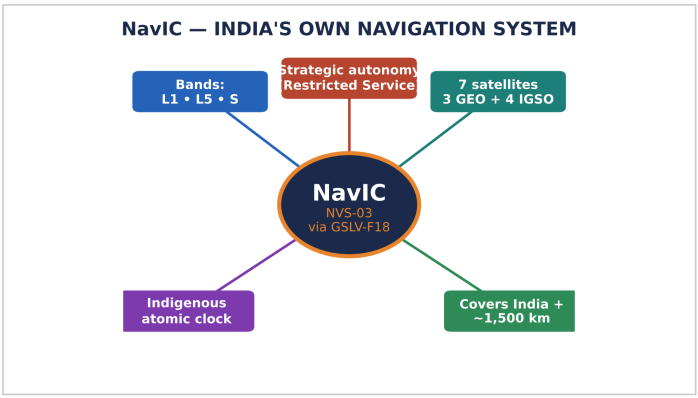
Syllabus Linkage	Energy mix; climate targets (Panchamrit); rooftop solar; GS-III; Prelims: capacity & targets.
Context	Officials said India will **soon cross 300 GW of installed non-fossil fuel capacity**, a key milestone toward its climate commitments, as rooftop solar scales up under **PM Surya Ghar**.
Key Facts	● India approaching **300 GW** of **non-fossil** installed capacity. ● **PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana** nearing **50 lakh** beneficiary households. ● Non-fossil sources make up roughly **half** of India's installed power capacity. ● Aligned with the **Panchamrit** pledge of **500 GW** non-fossil capacity by **2030**. ● Rajasthan solar and Gujarat's **Khavda** park cited as state leaders.
Way Fwd	Address grid integration, land and storage constraints while sustaining the rooftop-solar push to meet the 2030 target.
Concept	**Panchamrit** (COP26) targets: 500 GW non-fossil capacity, 50% energy from renewables, and **net-zero by 2070**. 'Non-fossil' includes **solar, wind, hydro and nuclear**.

EPFO reforms & Social Security Code widen coverage

[POLITY] MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II/III (Governance & Economy)

Syllabus Linkage	Labour codes; social security; EPFO; gig workers; GS-II governance / GS-III economy.
Context	An official review highlighted **EPFO reforms** and the **Code on Social Security, 2020**, as India's social-protection coverage expands sharply, including for gig and platform workers.
Key Facts	● Social protection coverage **68.4% in 2026**, up from **19% in 2015**. ● EPFO mandatory wage ceiling approved at **₹25,000** (from ₹15,000). ● **EPFO 3.0**: faster, cloud-based claim settlement; auto-settlement up to **₹5 lakh**. ● All **four labour codes** came into force on **21 November 2025**. ● **Pradhan Mantri Samajik Sahayata Yojana** revamps old-age/widow/disability pensions.
Way Fwd	Move from coverage to adequacy by raising minimum pensions and operationalising the gig-worker Social Security Fund.
Concept	**EPFO** operates under the **EPF & MP Act, 1952**, via a tripartite **Central Board of Trustees**. The Code merges **nine** central social-security laws.





NavIC NVS-03 placed in orbit via GSLV-F18

[SCI-TECH] MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (Science & Technology)

Syllabus Linkage	Space tech; satellite navigation; strategic autonomy; GS-III; Prelims: ISRO missions.
Context	ISRO launched **NVS-03**, the third second-generation **NavIC** navigation satellite, aboard **GSLV-F18**, strengthening India's indigenous positioning system.
Key Facts	● Launched **30 October 2026** from **Sriharikota**; **20th GSLV** flight. ● **NVS-03** is the 3rd of five second-gen NavIC satellites (**NVS-01 to NVS-05**). ● Signals in **L1, L5 and S** bands; carries an **indigenous atomic clock**. ● Covers the **Indian landmass + ~1,500 km** beyond its boundary. ● Offers an open service and an encrypted **Restricted Service** for strategic users.
Way Fwd	Sustain launch cadence for NVS-04/05 and push receiver-chipset adoption to deepen civilian and strategic use of NavIC.
Concept	**NavIC** (earlier **IRNSS**) is a regional system of **7 satellites** (**3 GEO + 4 IGSO**). Distinct from **GAGAN**, a satellite-based augmentation system — a classic Prelims trap.

Global Innovation Index 2026: India 38th

[REPORT] MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (Economy & Sci-Tech)

Syllabus Linkage	Innovation ecosystem; global indices; R&D; GS-III economy; Prelims: index & publisher.
Context	The **Global Innovation Index (GII) 2026** was released, with India retaining a strong position among innovation-driven emerging economies.
Key Facts	● India ranks **38th of 139** economies in **GII 2026**. ● GII is published by the **World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)**. ● India remains a **top innovator** among lower-middle-income economies. ● Strengths: ICT services exports, a large skilled talent pool and startups. ● Gaps: R&D spending and institutional/infrastructure pillars.
Way Fwd	Raise gross R&D expenditure as a share of GDP and strengthen university-industry linkages to climb further up the index.
Concept	**WIPO** is a **UN specialised agency** (Geneva). GII ranks economies on **innovation inputs and outputs**; useful for Prelims index-publisher matching.

SECTION D • PRELIMS RAPID-FIRE

- **Kuno National Park** — India's first cheetah home — lies in **Sheopur** district, MP.
- MP is the **'Tiger State'**, **'Leopard State'** and has India's **largest forest cover**.
- **NavIC** operates in the **L1, L5 and S** bands; constellation of **7 satellites**.
- EPFO mandatory wage ceiling raised to **₹25,000**; coverage **68.4%** (2026).
- India nearing **300 GW** non-fossil capacity; **Panchamrit** target **500 GW by 2030**.
- The **Narmada** is MP's lifeline river, flowing **east to west** into the Arabian Sea.

SECTION E • PRACTICE CORNER

Q1. With reference to the newly opened third cheetah habitat in Madhya Pradesh, consider the following:
1. It is located in the Veerangana Durgavati (Nauradehi) Tiger Reserve.
2. It lies in the Bundelkhand region across Sagar, Damoh and Narsinghpur districts.
3. It was the first site chosen under Project Cheetah in 2022.
Which of the statements given above are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only ✔ (b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

Ans: A. Statements 1 and 2 are correct. The third habitat is the Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve in Bundelkhand (Sagar-Damoh-Narsinghpur). Statement 3 is wrong — **Kuno National Park** was the first Project Cheetah site in 2022.

Q2. Consider the following statements about NavIC:
1. It is a regional navigation system with seven satellites in GEO and IGSO orbits.
2. NVS-03 was launched aboard a PSLV from Sriharikota.
3. NavIC and GAGAN are two names for the same system.
Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(a) 1 only ✔ (b) 1 and 2 only
(c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

Ans: A. Only statement 1 is correct. NavIC has **7 satellites (3 GEO + 4 IGSO)**. NVS-03 was launched on **GSLV-F18**, not PSLV. **GAGAN** is a satellite-based augmentation system, distinct from NavIC.

Mains Practice: Madhya Pradesh's recent development push combines flagship welfare transfers with an aggressive industrial and agricultural growth narrative. Critically examine the opportunities and fiscal challenges of this model for inclusive development in the state. (250 words)

Hint: Link Ladli Behna DBT and Farmer Welfare Year to inclusion; weigh ~24% growth and ₹12 lakh crore investment claims against recurring subsidy burden, jobs, and data credibility. Suggest a balanced path — outcomes over announcements.

★ **REVISE TODAY: MP @70 — ~24% industrial growth; Ladli Behna 41st (₹1,500 / 1.25 cr); 3rd cheetah home at Veerangana Durgavati TR; Bharat RE Summit 2026 (130+ nations); India nearing 300 GW non-fossil; NavIC NVS-03 via GSLV-F18; GII 2026 India 38th.**

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