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TODAY AT A GLANCE — 10 things to remember

- MP Cabinet meets; CM holds talks with Bharatiya Kisan Sangh.
- MP Cabinet package tops ₹8,225 cr (irrigation, forests, health).
- Gandhi Sagar joins Kuno as India's 2nd cheetah home.
- SC pushes RBI: banks to compensate cyber-fraud victims.
- SC allows conditional 'green' crackers; Delhi-NCR tightens GRAP.
- Rain-deficient MP districts may be declared drought-hit.
- 2026 declared 'Krishak Kalyan Varsh' (Farmer Welfare Year).
- Bhopal gears up for women's Asian hockey & new sports complex.
- India's manufacturing PMI eases to 54.7 in October.
- Anti-defection law back in focus (Punjab, Bihar).

SECTION A — MADHYA PRADESH SPECIAL

MP Cabinet Meets; CM Holds Farmer Talks as Drought Tag Looms

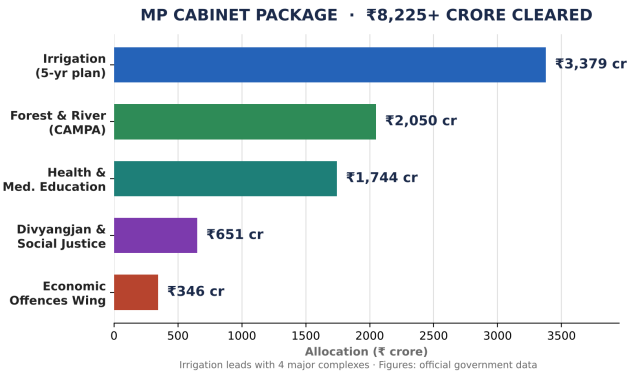
MADHYA PRADESH | MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (Agriculture) & GS-II (Governance)

Syllabus Linkage	MPPSC Prelims (MP schemes & polity) + Mains GS-III (agriculture) and GS-II (governance); Prelims pointers: MSP, Bhavantar, drought-relief norms.
Context	CM **Dr. Mohan Yadav** chairs a State Cabinet meeting in Bhopal and meets the **Bharatiya Kisan Sangh (BKS)** over its **7-point charter** (submitted **13 Oct**). Rain-deficient districts may be declared **drought-hit**.
Key Facts	• BKS seeks **100% MSP procurement**, crop-loss compensation and an end to unannounced power cuts. • It opposes the **Bhavantar** (price-difference) scheme and seeks fertiliser-supply and transformer fixes. • Government signals it **may declare select districts drought-hit** after the talks. • CM to join **Balram Krishi Mahotsav**, Chhindwara, via video conference.
Way Fwd	Timely drought notification and transparent MSP procurement can cushion farmers against a deficient monsoon.
Concept	**MSP** is recommended by the **CACP**; drought is declared using **Drought Management Manual** parameters — rainfall, soil moisture and sown area.

MP Cabinet Clears ₹8,225-Crore Welfare & Infra Package

MADHYA PRADESH | MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (Economy & Infrastructure)

Syllabus Linkage	Mains GS-III (state economy, irrigation, forests, health); Prelims: CAMPA, micro-irrigation, state-budget heads.
Context	The State Cabinet approved projects worth over **₹8,225 crore** spanning **irrigation, forests, health and social justice**.
Key Facts	• **Irrigation ₹3,378.69 cr**: Chhindwara complex (**₹2,611 cr**), Pench Diversion, Chentikheda (Morena), Pancham Nagar (Sagar). • **₹2,050 cr** for forest conservation & river rejuvenation under **CAMPA** (FY 2026-27 plan). • **₹1,743.58 cr** for health & medical education; **₹651.25 cr** for Divyangjan & social justice. • Four new **District Education Officer** offices: Niwari, Mauganj, Pandhurna, Maihar.
Way Fwd	Front-loading irrigation and afforestation spending supports farm incomes and the state's green cover.
Concept	**CAMPA** = Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management & Planning Authority; funds afforestation against diverted forest land.

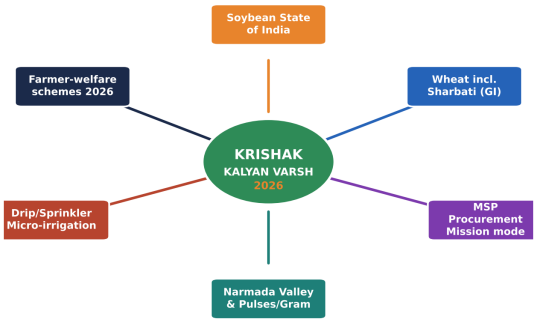


'Krishak Kalyan Varsh 2026': MP's Farmer-Welfare Year

MADHYA PRADESH MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (Agriculture)

Syllabus Linkage	Mains GS-III (agriculture, cropping, irrigation); Prelims: MP crops, GI tags, 'Soybean State'.
Context	MP has declared **2026 as 'Krishak Kalyan Varsh'** (Farmer Welfare Year), running farmer schemes in mission mode.
Key Facts	• MP is the **'Soybean State'** of India and a top **wheat** (incl. GI-tagged **Sharbati**) and **gram/pulses** producer. • Focus on **micro-irrigation** (drip/sprinkler), MSP procurement and the **Narmada valley** command area. • Farm-mechanisation and Krishi Karman-style productivity push continue under the welfare year.
Way Fwd	Diversifying away from water-intensive crops and expanding micro-irrigation can raise farm productivity sustainably.
Concept	A **GI tag** (Geographical Indication) marks a product's origin-linked quality — e.g., **Sharbati wheat**, **Chinnor rice**.

MADHYA PRADESH — AGRICULTURE AT A GLANCE



Project Cheetah: Gandhi Sagar Now India's 2nd Cheetah Home

ENVIRONMENT MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (Environment & Ecology)

Syllabus Linkage	Mains GS-III (conservation, biodiversity); Prelims: Project Cheetah, Kuno, tiger reserves, IUCN status.
Context	Under **Project Cheetah**, **Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary** (Mandsaur-Neemuch) has joined **Kuno** as a cheetah habitat, reinforcing MP's **'Tiger State'** tag.
Key Facts	• MP hosts India's **highest tiger and leopard populations** and the **largest forest cover**. • Cheetahs were reintroduced from **Namibia (2022)** and **South Africa (2023)**; Gandhi Sagar is the **second** release site. • Key reserves: **Kanha, Bandhavgarh, Pench, Panna, Satpura**.
Way Fwd	Building the prey base and inter-park corridors is vital for a self-sustaining cheetah meta-population.
Concept	**Project Cheetah** (2022) is the world's first **inter-continental** large-carnivore translocation; cheetah is **IUCN: Vulnerable**.

Bhopal's Sports Push: Women's Hockey & New Sports Complex

MADHYA PRADESH MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-I (MP Society & Sports)

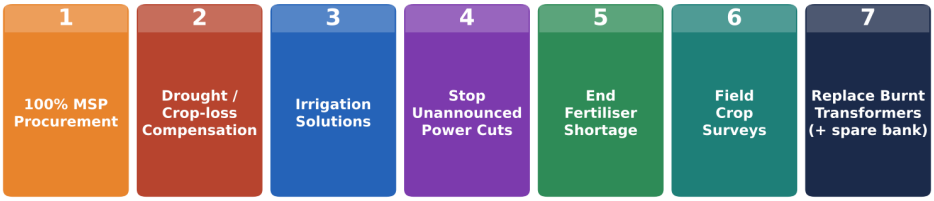
Syllabus Linkage	Prelims (MP sports infrastructure, academies); Mains GS-I (society) and GS-II (welfare).
Context	MP is preparing to host **women's Asian hockey** action in Bhopal and to inaugurate **phase-1 of the International Sports Complex**.
Key Facts	• A briefing at **TT Nagar Stadium**, Bhopal, covered upcoming events and new infrastructure. • MP runs state **hockey academies** (Bhopal, Gwalior) that feed national squads. • The sports-infra drive aligns with MP's bid to host national and international events.
Way Fwd	Grassroots academies plus world-class venues can convert MP's hockey heritage into medals.
Concept	**Khelo India** and **TOPS** (Target Olympic Podium Scheme) are central pillars of India's sports-development ecosystem.

MP Revs Up Global Investment Drive Ahead of GIS-2027

ECONOMY MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (Economy & Industry)

Syllabus Linkage	Mains GS-III (industry, investment, employment); Prelims: GIS, industrial corridors, GSDP.
Context	MP has begun its **GIS-2027** investment push with investor meets, building on record intent from **GIS-2025**.
Key Facts	• GIS-2025 drew investment intentions of around **₹26.6 lakh crore**. • The state eyes a **GSDP of ~₹2,486 lakh crore by 2047-48** (Viksit MP vision). • Regional Industry Conclaves and sector policies (IT, textiles, renewables) anchor the drive.
Way Fwd	Converting MoUs into ground-level units and jobs is the real test of the investment summits.
Concept	**GSDP** (Gross State Domestic Product) measures the value of goods & services produced within a state in a year.

BHARATIYA KISAN SANGH — 7-POINT CHARTER (submitted 13 Oct)



Also: opposes Bhavantar scheme · seeks rain-deficient districts declared DROUGHT-HIT

MADHYA PRADESH — INDIA'S WILDLIFE CAPITAL

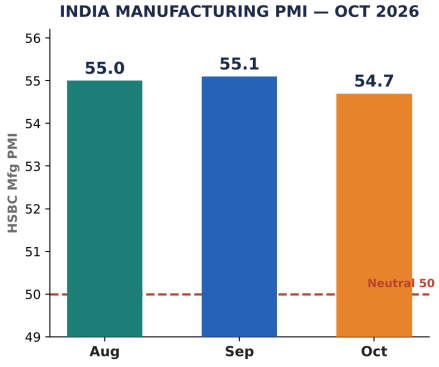


SECTION B — DATA POINT OF THE DAY

India HSBC Manufacturing PMI — October 2026

54.7

Eased from **55.1** in September but stayed well above the **50** no-change mark; new **export orders** grew at their fastest pace in **six months**.



Eased from 55.1 → 54.7; export orders at a 6-month high

SECTION C — NATIONAL & WORLD

Supreme Court Nudges RBI to Make Banks Pay for Cyber Fraud

POLITY MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Polity & Governance) & GS-III (Economy)

Syllabus Linkage	Mains GS-II (judiciary, regulation) and GS-III (banking, cyber security); Prelims: RBI, 'digital arrest' scams.
Context	Hearing a **suo motu** case on **'digital arrest'** scams, the **Supreme Court** pressed the **RBI** to frame rules making banks compensate defrauded customers.
Key Facts	• Bank compensation should be **at least equal to the amount lost** where due diligence fails. • Three safeguards urged: **halt** abnormal transactions, **auto-detect** suspicious ones, and **physically verify** where needed. • RBI proposes notifying rules by **30 Nov 2026**, operational by **31 Dec 2026**. • Bench led by **CJI Surya Kant**; next hearing on **30 Nov 2026**.
Way Fwd	Clear liability norms can shift the fraud burden from victims to institutions with stronger detection tools.
Concept	**RBI** is India's central bank & banking regulator under the **RBI Act, 1934**; a **suo motu** case is taken up by a court on its own.

SC Allows Conditional 'Green' Crackers; GRAP Tightens in Delhi-NCR

ENVIRONMENT MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (Environment) & GS-II (Polity)

Syllabus Linkage	Mains GS-III (pollution, environment) and GS-II (polity); Prelims: GRAP, CAQM, AQI, green crackers (CSIR-NEERI).
Context	The **Supreme Court** permitted **conditional use of green firecrackers** even as **GRAP** curbs tightened against winter air pollution in **Delhi-NCR**.
Key Facts	• **Green crackers** (by **CSIR-NEERI**) cut particulate emissions by roughly **30%**; **PESO** certifies them. • **GRAP** is enforced by the **CAQM**; stages escalate as the **AQI** (PM2.5/PM10) worsens. • Relevant: **Art. 21** (clean environment), **Air Act, 1981**, and the **NCAP**.
Way Fwd	Airshed-level action and real-time source monitoring matter more than seasonal bans alone.
Concept	**AQI** bands run Good (0-50) to Severe (401-500); **CAQM** = Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR & adjoining areas.

Anti-Defection Law Back in Focus Across States

POLITY MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Polity & Constitution)

Syllabus Linkage	Mains GS-II (Constitution, legislature); Prelims: Tenth Schedule, 52nd & 91st Amendments.
Context	Defections in **Punjab** and the status of independently elected **Bihar MLCs** have revived debate on the **anti-defection law**.
Key Facts	• The **Tenth Schedule** was added by the **52nd Amendment (1985)** and strengthened by the **91st Amendment (2003)**. • **Kihoto Hollohan (1992)** upheld the law and allowed **judicial review** of the Speaker's decision. • The **Speaker/Chairman** decides disqualification petitions; **Arts. 190/191** cover vacation & disqualification.
Way Fwd	A time-bound, independent adjudication of defection cases would curb 'Aya Ram Gaya Ram' politics.
Concept	The **anti-defection law** disqualifies legislators who voluntarily give up party membership or defy the party whip.

Navy's Indigenous Corvettes Boost 'Aatmanirbhar' Defence

DEFENCE MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (Security & Defence)

Syllabus Linkage	Mains GS-III (defence, indigenisation); Prelims: GRSE, GSL, DAC, Make in India (defence).
Context	An indigenous **corvette** shipbuilding programme highlights India's push for **self-reliant** warship manufacturing.
Key Facts	• Corvettes are built by Indian yards such as **GRSE (Kolkata)** and **GSL (Goa Shipyard Ltd)**. • Procurement is cleared by the **Defence Acquisition Council (DAC)**, chaired by the Defence Minister. • The push supports **Aatmanirbhar Bharat** and cuts import dependence.
Way Fwd	Deepening a domestic defence-industrial base secures supply chains and generates high-skill jobs.
Concept	A **corvette** is a small, fast warship for coastal and anti-submarine roles; the **DAC** is the apex defence-procurement body.

AI Training on Personal Data Sharpens Privacy Concerns

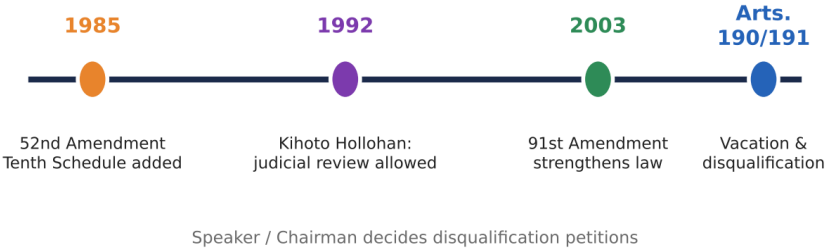
SCI-TECH MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Governance & Rights) & GS-III (Sci-Tech)

Syllabus Linkage	Mains GS-II (rights, data governance) and GS-III (technology); Prelims: DPDP Act, Puttaswamy, Art. 21.
Context	Large **AI models** trained on public data can infer personal traits, raising **privacy** and **profiling** risks.
Key Facts	• **Puttaswamy (2017)** held **privacy** to be a Fundamental Right under **Art. 21**. • The **DPDP Act, 2023** governs personal-data processing (consent, data minimisation). • Concerns: automated profiling, consent fatigue and AI-governance gaps.
Way Fwd	Operationalising DPDP rules with strong consent and purpose limits is key to trustworthy AI.
Concept	**Data minimisation** = collecting only the data strictly needed for a stated purpose; a core data-protection principle.

SC → RBI : PROPOSED DIGITAL-FRAUD SAFEGUARDS



ANTI-DEFECTION LAW — KEY MILESTONES (Tenth Schedule)



SECTION D — PRELIMS RAPID-FIRE

▸ **Soybean State** of India — Madhya Pradesh (leading soybean producer).	▸ **Project Cheetah** sites in MP — **Kuno** (Sheopur) & **Gandhi Sagar** (Mandsaur-Neemuch).
▸ **Green crackers** are developed by **CSIR-NEERI** and certified by **PESO**.	▸ **Tenth Schedule** (anti-defection) was added by the **52nd Amendment, 1985**.
▸ India's **Manufacturing PMI** for October 2026 — **54.7** (above 50 = expansion).	▸ **DPDP Act** — the **Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023**.

SECTION E — PRACTICE CORNER

Q1. With reference to Project Cheetah in Madhya Pradesh, consider the following statements: (1) Kuno is located in Sheopur district. (2) Gandhi Sagar is the second designated cheetah habitat in the state. (3) Cheetahs were translocated from Namibia and South Africa. Which of the above are correct?
(A) 1 and 2 only
(B) 2 and 3 only
(C) 1 and 3 only
(D) 1, 2 and 3

Ans: D. Kuno (Sheopur) was the first site and Gandhi Sagar the second; cheetahs came from Namibia (2022) and South Africa (2023). All three statements are correct.

Q2. The anti-defection provisions are contained in which Schedule of the Constitution, and were introduced by which amendment?
(A) Ninth Schedule; 51st Amendment
(B) Tenth Schedule; 52nd Amendment
(C) Eleventh Schedule; 73rd Amendment
(D) Twelfth Schedule; 74th Amendment

Ans: B. The Tenth Schedule was inserted by the 52nd Constitutional Amendment Act, 1985; the 91st Amendment (2003) later strengthened it.

MAINS PRACTICE
Madhya Pradesh has branded 2026 as 'Krishak Kalyan Varsh'. Examine how irrigation expansion, MSP procurement and crop diversification can together raise farm incomes in the state. (250 words)

Hint: Link the Chhindwara/Pench irrigation complexes and micro-irrigation, the 100% MSP procurement demand, the soybean-wheat-pulses mix and the Narmada command area, and weigh sustainability (water-use efficiency).

★ **QUICK REVISION** MP Cabinet ₹8,225 cr package • 'Krishak Kalyan Varsh 2026' • Gandhi Sagar = 2nd cheetah home • SC→RBI fraud-compensation rules (hearing 30 Nov) • Mfg PMI 54.7 • Tenth Schedule = 52nd Amendment (1985).

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