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TODAY AT A GLANCE — 10 THINGS TO REMEMBER

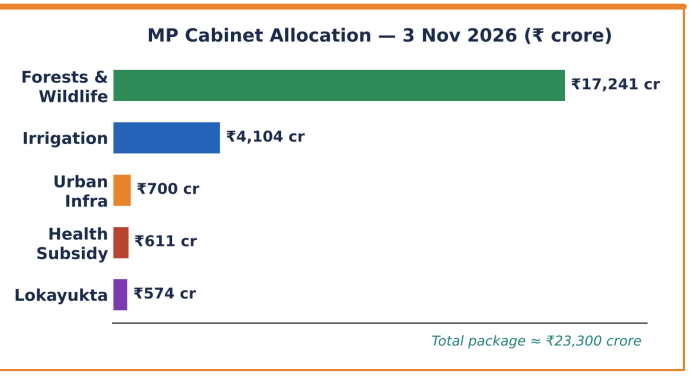
MP cabinet clears **₹23,300 cr**; forests get **₹17,240 cr**.	MP celebrates **71st Foundation Day**; 2026 = **Kisan Kalyan Varsh**.
Paddy procurement registration extended to **4 Nov**.	**Project Cheetah** hits **38**; **Gandhi Sagar** is 2nd cheetah home.
Tribal martyrs' museum cleared for **Jabalpur** (Gond, 1857).	**Cryosphere 2026** warns of ice loss ahead of **COP31 (Antalya)**.
RBI's FEMA 2nd Amendment eases export–import reporting.	India unveils AI models **EKA-1 & Dhīr** (IndiaAI Mission).
DAC approves **Project 18A** destroyers (~**₹80,000 cr**).	India **3rd** on **Hurun Gazelle Index 2026** with **51** gazelles.

SECTION A — MADHYA PRADESH SPECIAL

MP Cabinet Clears ₹23,300 Crore for Forests, Irrigation & Urban Push

MADHYA PRADESH **MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Polity & Governance)**

Syllabus Linkage	GS-II — State policies & schemes; Prelims — MP budget heads, Lokayukta, CM schemes
Context	The **Mohan Yadav** cabinet on **3 Nov 2026** at **Bhopal** approved proposals worth over **₹23,300 crore** spanning forests, irrigation, urban bodies, health and the Lokayukta.
Key Facts	● **₹17,240.55 cr** for **9 forest & wildlife schemes** (2026–31) — the single largest head. ● **₹4,103.73 cr** for irrigation in **Panna, Vidisha, Mauganj, Sidhi, Singrauli & Ujjain** (FY27–FY31). ● Extra **₹700 cr** for the **CM Urban Area Infrastructure Development Scheme** (to 2029). ● **₹610.51 cr** health investment subsidy; **₹573.85 cr** for the **Lokayukta** (2026–31). ● Nod to the **Raja Shankar Shah-Kunwar Raghunath Shah Tribal Freedom Fighters Museum**, Jabalpur.
Way Fwd	Next cabinet to meet at **Gandhi Sagar (Mandsaur)** on **18 Nov**, signalling a decentralised-governance thrust.
Concept	**Lokayukta** = anti-corruption ombudsman under the **MP Lokayukt Adhiniyam, 1981**; the Cabinet (Council of Ministers) functions under **Art. 163–164**.



MP @71 — Foundation Day 2026 Highlights

71st — Foundation Day (formed 1 Nov 1956)

₹490 cr — MSME subsidy released on the day

3→1 — Target dairy rank in India

102 — Students × ₹1 lakh merit scholarship

MP Marks 71st Foundation Day; 2026 Declared 'Kisan Kalyan Varsh'

SOCIETY **MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-I (MP Culture & Economy)**

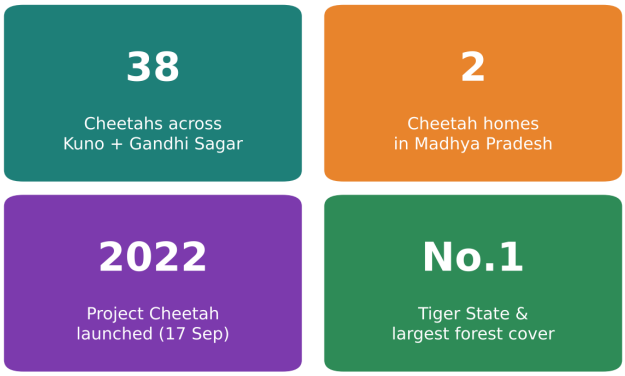
Syllabus Linkage	GS-I — MP formation & heritage; GS-III — state economy; Prelims — MP static & schemes
Context	MP celebrated its **71st Sthapana Diwas (Rajyotsav)** from **1 Nov 2026** at the **Parade Ground, Bhopal**. The state was formed on **1 November 1956**.
Key Facts	● **₹490 crore** released as subsidy to **MSME** units on the day. ● **2025** was the **Industry Year**; **2026** is the **Kisan Kalyan Varsh (Farmer Welfare Year)**. ● Govt target: lift MP from **3rd to 1st** in **milk/dairy** output nationally. ● **102 students** got **₹1 lakh** each under the **Bhagwan Shri Krishna Meritorious Scholarship**. ● Land-givers for projects to get **4x compensation**; irrigation coverage expanding.
Way Fwd	Pairing the Farmer Welfare Year with river-linking (**Ken-Betwa**, **Parvati-Kalisindh-Chambal**) can raise farm incomes durably.
Concept	MP was carved out on **1 Nov 1956** under the **States Reorganisation Act, 1956**; **Chhattisgarh** split away in **2000**. Capital: **Bhopal**.

Paddy Registration Window Extended to 4 Nov; ~2,000 Nilgai Relocated

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

Syllabus Linkage	GS-III — MSP procurement, farm distress; Prelims — MP crops & procurement
Context	Post-cabinet, MP extended the **paddy procurement registration** deadline to **4 Nov 2026**; about **2,000 nilgai and deer** were relocated to curb crop damage.
Key Facts	● **Kharif paddy** is procured at **MSP** from registered farmers via the **e-Uparjan** portal. ● MP is a major **wheat (Sharbati), gram, soybean & paddy** state — the **'Soybean State'**. ● Crop-raiding by **nilgai/blue bull** is a rising man–animal conflict issue in MP. ● Relocation aims to protect standing **rabi sowing** and cut farmer losses.
Way Fwd	Scaling **e-Uparjan** registration plus habitat/fencing measures can balance procurement with conflict management.
Concept	**MSP** is recommended by the **CACP** and approved by the **CCEA**; procurement at MSP shields farmers from distress sales.

Project Cheetah — MP's Wildlife Scorecard



Project Cheetah at 38; Gandhi Sagar is MP's Second Cheetah Home

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

Syllabus Linkage	GS-III — conservation projects; Prelims — MP national parks & Project Cheetah
Context	Three years on, **Project Cheetah** counts about **38 cheetahs** across **Kuno** and **Gandhi Sagar**. **Gandhi Sagar (Mandsaur-Neemuch)** is India's **second** cheetah habitat.
Key Facts	● **Project Cheetah** launched **17 Sep 2022**; cheetahs brought from **Namibia**, **South Africa** & **Botswana**. ● **Kuno National Park (Sheopur)** was the first reintroduction site. ● MP is India's **'Tiger State'** and 'Leopard State', with the **largest forest cover** by area. ● Key tiger reserves: **Kanha, Bandhavgarh, Pench, Panna, Satpura, Sanjay-Dubri, Veerangana Durgavati**.
Way Fwd	A second home at **Gandhi Sagar** spreads risk and builds a **meta-population**, key to long-term cheetah survival.
Concept	The cheetah is the only large carnivore declared **extinct in India (1952)** and now reintroduced — a flagship **species-recovery** programme.

Cabinet Backs Tribal Freedom Fighters' Museum at Jabalpur

SOCIETY **MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-I (Modern History & Tribal Heritage)**

Syllabus Linkage	GS-I — 1857 Revolt & tribal resistance; Prelims — MP freedom fighters & tribes
Context	The cabinet cleared a museum for **Raja Shankar Shah** and **Kunwar Raghunath Shah** at **Jabalpur**, honouring **Gond** tribal martyrs of the **1857 Revolt**.
Key Facts	● Gond ruler **Shankar Shah** and his son **Raghunath Shah** were **blown from a cannon (18 Sep 1858)** by the British. ● MP has India's **largest tribal (ST) population**; major tribes: **Gond, Bhil, Baiga, Sahariya, Korku**. ● Annual upkeep budgeted at **₹83.18 lakh** with a dedicated museum post. ● Reinforces MP's thrust on **Janjatiya Gaurav** — celebrating the tribal freedom struggle.
Way Fwd	Heritage museums plus faithful **PESA (MP Rules, 2022)** implementation can pair tribal pride with self-governance.
Concept	**PESA Act, 1996** extends Panchayati Raj to **Fifth Schedule** areas, empowering **Gram Sabhas** over minor resources.

SECTION B — DATA POINT OF THE DAY

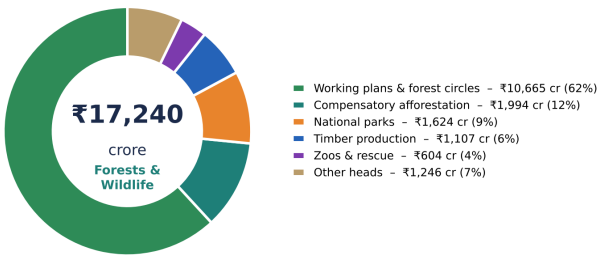
DATA POINT OF THE DAY

₹17,240.55 crore

MP's biggest cabinet outlay — FORESTS & WILDLIFE

Sanctioned for **9 forest & wildlife schemes** over **2026–31** — reflecting MP's status as the **Tiger State** with India's **largest forest cover**. Working plans & forest circles alone take **₹10,664.79 cr**.

Where the ₹17,240 cr Forest Outlay Goes



SECTION C — NATIONAL & WORLD

'State of the Cryosphere 2026' Warns of Irreversible Ice Loss Before COP31

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

Syllabus Linkage	GS-III — climate change, cryosphere; Prelims — COP, GLOF, permafrost
Context	Ahead of **COP31** at **Antalya, Turkey (9–20 Nov 2026)**, the report warned that even a brief **overshoot of 1.5°C** could cause permanent ice loss.
Key Facts	● The **Arctic** is warming about **4 times** the global average. ● **Permafrost** stores roughly **1,700 billion tonnes of carbon**. ● India saw **6,119 GLOF deaths** across **62 events (1835–2025)**. ● **COP31** is the **31st** UN Climate Conference under the **UNFCCC**.
Way Fwd	Early-warning systems for **GLOFs** in the Himalaya plus steep emission cuts are vital to avoid climate tipping points.
Concept	**Cryosphere** = Earth's frozen water (ice sheets, glaciers, permafrost, sea ice); **GLOF** = Glacial Lake Outburst Flood.

India Unveils Indigenous AI Foundation Models EKA-1 & Dhīr

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

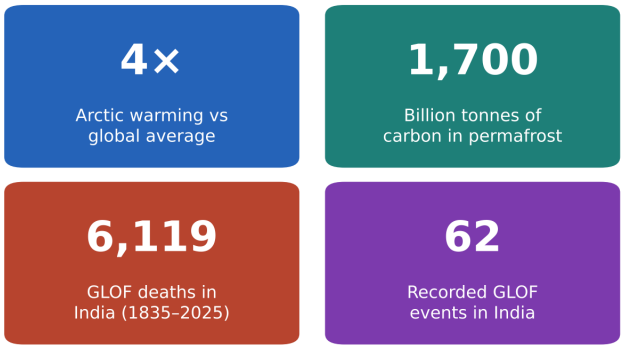
Syllabus Linkage	GS-III — IT, AI, indigenous tech; Prelims — IndiaAI Mission
Context	**MeitY** unveiled two indigenous **foundation models**, **EKA-1** and **Dhīr**, in **New Delhi on 3 Nov 2026** under the **IndiaAI Mission**.
Key Facts	● The **IndiaAI Mission** backs home-grown compute, datasets and models. ● **Foundation models** are large AI models adaptable to many tasks. ● The aim is to cut dependence on foreign **LLMs** and build sovereign AI. ● Supports **digital public infrastructure** and Indian-language AI.
Way Fwd	Scaling GPU capacity and Indian-language datasets will decide India's AI self-reliance.
Concept	A **foundation model** is trained on broad data and fine-tuned for downstream tasks — core to **generative AI**.

India 3rd on Hurun Global Gazelle Index 2026 with 51 Gazelles

REPORT **MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (Economy & Start-ups)**

Syllabus Linkage	GS-III — start-up ecosystem; Prelims — indices & reports
Context	The **Hurun Global Gazelle Index 2026** ranked **India 3rd** with **51 gazelles (up 4)**, overtaking the **UK**.
Key Facts	● The **USA** leads with **302**; **China** has **278** gazelles. ● **Gazelles** = fast-growing start-ups (founded 2000+) likely to turn **unicorns** within 3 years. ● Reflects India's deepening **start-up & innovation** base. ● Complements India's large **unicorn** count.
Way Fwd	Easier capital access and tier-2 incubation (incl. **MP's start-up policy**) can widen the pipeline.
Concept	A **unicorn** is a start-up valued at **$1 billion+**; a **gazelle** is a likely future unicorn.

State of the Cryosphere 2026 — Key Numbers



RBI Eases Export–Import Reporting via FEMA (2nd Amendment) 2026

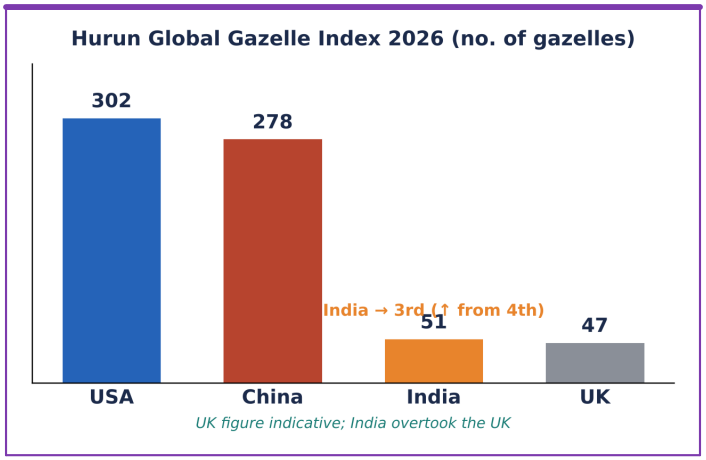
ECONOMY **MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (Economy & External Sector)**

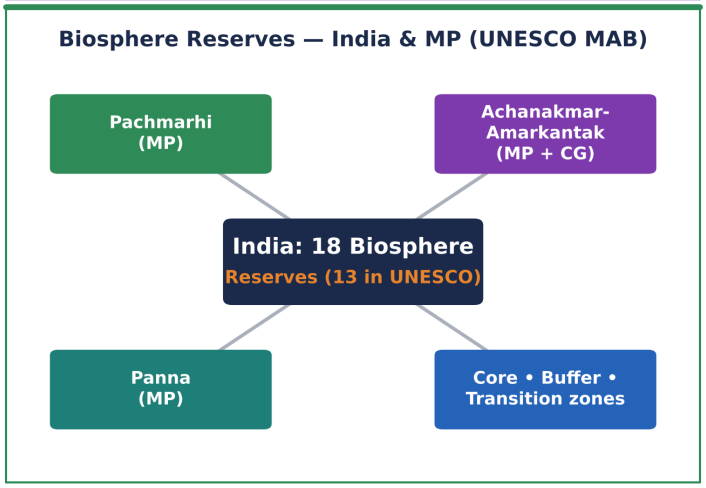
Syllabus Linkage	GS-III — external sector, ease of doing business; Prelims — FEMA, RBI
Context	The **FEMA (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2026** (notified **2 Nov**) simplify trade reporting; a resident individual is **deemed to have submitted the EDF** once details are shared with the bank.
Key Facts	● A **₹10 lakh** threshold applies to certain **service transactions**. ● Effective **retrospectively from 1 October 2026**. ● **EDF** = Export Declaration Form; **AD** = Authorised Dealer bank. ● Part of RBI's push for **ease of doing business** in external trade.
Way Fwd	A lighter compliance load can aid **MSME exporters**; bank-routed digital reporting should cut delays.
Concept	**FEMA, 1999** governs India's forex transactions, replacing the stricter **FERA, 1973**; it is administered by the **RBI**.

DAC Approves Project 18A Next-Gen Destroyers Worth ~₹80,000 Crore

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

Syllabus Linkage	GS-III — defence indigenisation; Prelims — DAC, Navy projects
Context	The **Defence Acquisition Council (DAC)** gave **in-principle (AoN)** approval to **Project 18A**, the Navy's next-generation destroyers, at about **₹80,000 crore**.
Key Facts	● To be designed by the Navy's in-house **Warship Design Bureau**. ● The **DAC** is chaired by the **Defence Minister (Rajnath Singh)**. ● Boosts **Aatmanirbhar Bharat** in warship building. ● **Destroyers** are large, multi-role surface combatants.
Way Fwd	Indigenous design plus domestic shipyards can deepen the **defence-manufacturing** ecosystem and exports.
Concept	**AoN (Acceptance of Necessity)** is the first DAC step in defence procurement under **DAP 2020**.





International Day for Biosphere Reserves: India Has 18, Three in MP

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

Syllabus Linkage	GS-III — conservation, UNESCO MAB; Prelims — biosphere reserves of MP
Context	The first **International Day for Biosphere Reserves** was marked on **3 Nov**. India has **18** notified biosphere reserves, **13** in the **UNESCO World Network**.
Key Facts	● MP's three reserves: **Pachmarhi**, **Panna**, and **Achanakmar-Amarkantak** (shared with Chhattisgarh). ● The **World Network** has **797 sites in 145 countries**. ● Declared via **UNESCO resolution 41 C/37 (2021)**. ● Reserves have **core, buffer and transition** zones under the **MAB Programme**.
Way Fwd	Community-led eco-tourism in MP's reserves can fund conservation and support tribal livelihoods.
Concept	**MAB (Man and the Biosphere)** is a UNESCO programme balancing conservation with sustainable human use.

SECTION D — PRELIMS RAPID-FIRE

1. MP was formed on **1 Nov 1956**; capital **Bhopal**; India's **'Tiger State'**.

2. **'Soybean State'** — MP leads India in **soybean** & **gram** output.

3. **Kuno NP (Sheopur)** — India's **first** cheetah reintroduction site.

4. The **Narmada** is MP's lifeline — the longest river flowing through the state.

5. **COP31 (2026)** is at **Antalya, Turkey**, **9–20 November**.

6. **FEMA, 1999** replaced **FERA, 1973**; administered by the **RBI**.

SECTION E — PRACTICE CORNER

Q1. With reference to Project Cheetah, consider the following: (1) It was launched in 2022. (2) Kuno National Park is in Madhya Pradesh. (3) Gandhi Sagar is India's second cheetah habitat. 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. Project Cheetah began on 17 Sep 2022; Kuno (Sheopur, MP) is the first site; Gandhi Sagar (MP) is the second — all three are correct.

Q2. The FEMA (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2026 are associated with which of the following?

(a) Easing export-import trade reporting ✓

(b) Launching a new income-tax slab

(c) Merger of public-sector banks

(d) Regulating crypto exchanges

Ans: A. Notified by the RBI, the amendment simplifies export/import reporting (EDF deemed-submitted), effective retrospectively from 1 Oct 2026.

MAINS PRACTICE QUESTION

Madhya Pradesh is called the 'Tiger State' and now hosts India's cheetah reintroduction. Discuss the opportunities and challenges of making MP a hub of wildlife-based conservation and eco-tourism. (250 words)

Hint: Cover forest cover & tiger reserves, Project Cheetah (Kuno, Gandhi Sagar), tribal livelihoods & PESA, man-animal conflict (nilgai), and the ₹17,240 cr forest outlay.

★ **ONE-LINE REVISION:** Remember: MP cabinet **₹23,300 cr** (forests **₹17,240 cr**) • **71st Foundation Day** / Kisan Kalyan Varsh • **Project Cheetah = 38** (Kuno + Gandhi Sagar) • **COP31 → Antalya** • **FEMA 2nd Amendment 2026**.

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