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## TODAY AT A GLANCE — 10 THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Ladli Behna monthly aid steps up to ₹1,500 for ~1.27 crore women
- Kuno cheetahs to enter unfenced wild in phases from late October
- National Wildlife Week (2–8 Oct), 70th edition — MP is the Tiger State
- RBI Monetary Policy Committee meets 5–7 October; repo at 5.25%
- 2026 Nobel Prize week opens with Medicine at 3:00 pm IST today
- RoDTEP & RoSCTL export schemes extended to 31 December 2026
- MP's investment intent crosses ₹26.6 lakh crore (GIS pipeline)
- India finish Asian Games 2026 fourth with 85 medals (21 gold)
- GST Council meets 7 October on GST 2.0 compliance reforms
- World Teachers' Day observed today, 5 October

## SECTION A — MADHYA PRADESH SPECIAL

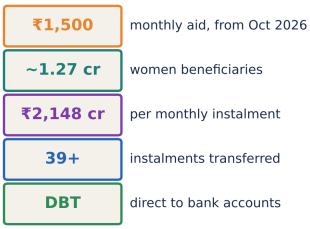
### Ladli Behna aid raised to ₹1,500 a month

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

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| **Syllabus Linkage** | Prelims — MP state schemes; Mains GS-II — welfare schemes for vulnerable sections, women empowerment, DBT. |
| **Context** | Madhya Pradesh's flagship women's cash-transfer scheme steps its monthly benefit up to ₹1,500, extending the state's phased promise to lift the amount progressively from the original ₹1,000. |
| **Key Facts** | ■ Monthly aid now ₹**1,500**, up from ₹**1,250** (began at ₹**1,000**).<br>■ Around **1.27 crore** women beneficiaries across the state.<br>■ Each instalment costs the exchequer about ₹**2,148 crore**.<br>■ Paid by **Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT)** to bank accounts.<br>■ More than **39 instalments** disbursed since launch in **2023**. |
| **Way Fwd** | Fiscal sustainability and tighter beneficiary targeting will decide whether the step-up can be maintained without crowding out capital spending. |
| **Concept** | DBT routes subsidies straight to Aadhaar-linked accounts, cutting leakages; women-centric transfers aim at financial inclusion and the Directive Principles (Art. 39). |

**Ladli Behna Yojana — Key Numbers**

*MP's flagship women's direct-benefit scheme*



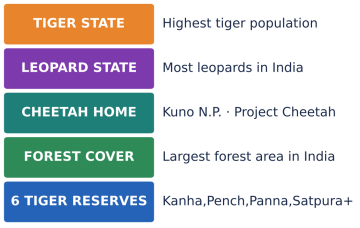

### Kuno cheetahs set for phased release into open wild

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

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| **Syllabus Linkage** | Prelims — Project Cheetah, Kuno NP, protected areas of MP; Mains GS-III — conservation, species reintroduction, biodiversity. |
| **Context** | During the 70th National Wildlife Week (2–8 October), officials confirmed Kuno's cheetahs will move from fenced enclosures into large unfenced forest areas in a phased manner, as MP prepares a second home at Gandhi Sagar. |
| **Key Facts** | ■ Phased release into **unfenced wild** begins from **late October**.<br>■ **Kuno National Park** (Sheopur) is India's first intercontinental cheetah site under **Project Cheetah** (since **2022**).<br>■ India-born cubs have boosted the population; fresh **international translocations** are being negotiated.<br>■ **Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary** is being readied as a **second home**.<br>■ MP is India's **Tiger State** and **Leopard State**, with the **largest forest cover**. |
| **Way Fwd** | Prey-base augmentation, veterinary monitoring and community buy-in in buffer zones are key to a self-sustaining metapopulation. |
| **Concept** | Reintroduction restores a locally extinct species (cheetah declared extinct in India in **1952**); an unfenced release tests true wild adaptation. |

**MP — India's Wildlife Powerhouse**

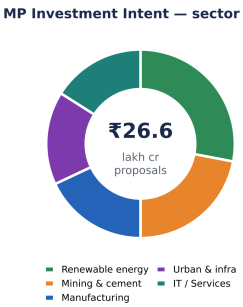
*National Wildlife Week (2–8 Oct) focus state*



## MP deepens investment push; intent tops ₹26.6 lakh crore

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

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| **Syllabus Linkage** | Prelims — MP industrial policy, GIS; Mains GS-III — investment, industrial corridors, employment generation. |
| **Context** | Ahead of the next Global Investors Summit cycle, Madhya Pradesh is running investor roadshows and sectoral conclaves, taking its cumulative investment intent to record levels. |
| **Key Facts** | ■ Cumulative investment proposals of about ₹**26.6 lakh crore** under the GIS pipeline.<br>■ Thrust sectors: **renewable energy**, mining & cement, **manufacturing**, urban/infra, **IT & services**.<br>■ Regional Industry Conclaves held across divisions to spread industry beyond big cities.<br>■ State offers capital subsidy, land and power **incentives** to anchor investors.<br>■ Aim: convert intent into **on-ground projects and jobs**. |
| **Way Fwd** | The real test is the intent-to-ground conversion ratio and timely single-window clearances for MSMEs, not headline MoU values. |
| **Concept** | Investment 'intent' (MoUs) differs from realised investment; industrial corridors and plug-and-play parks lower entry costs for firms. |




## Ujjain gears up for Simhastha Kumbh 2028

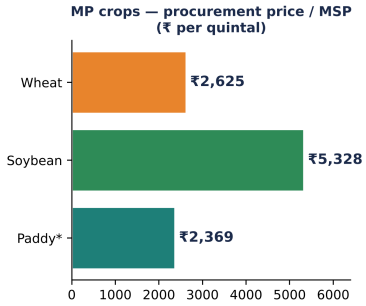
SOCIETY MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-I (Art, Culture & Heritage)

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| **Syllabus Linkage** | Prelims — Simhastha/Kumbh, Mahakaleshwar, MP heritage; Mains GS-I — cultural events, crowd & urban management. |
| **Context** | Preparations are underway in Ujjain for the Simhastha Kumbh of 2028, one of the world's largest religious congregations, centred on the Mahakaleshwar Jyotirlinga. |
| **Key Facts** | ■ Infrastructure build-out planned at around ₹**25,000 crore**.<br>■ Authorities anticipate an enormous footfall of devotees over the mela period.<br>■ Held on the banks of the **Kshipra** river at **Ujjain**, once every **12 years**.<br>■ Anchored by the **Mahakaleshwar** Jyotirlinga, a major Shaiva pilgrimage site.<br>■ Focus on sanitation, river rejuvenation, transport and crowd safety. |
| **Way Fwd** | Permanent 'legacy' infrastructure and Kshipra flow restoration should outlast the event rather than serve it only temporarily. |
| **Concept** | The Kumbh/Simhastha rotates among four sites by planetary positions; Ujjain's falls when Jupiter enters Leo (Simha), giving 'Simhastha' its name. |

## Soybean State backs farmers: MSP, bonus and Bhavantar

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

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| **Syllabus Linkage** | Prelims — MSP, Bhavantar Bhugtan Yojana, MP crops; Mains GS-III — agricultural marketing, farmer income, MSP procurement. |
| **Context** | As the Soybean State and a top wheat producer, MP is combining MSP-plus-bonus procurement with price-deficit support, extending the Bhavantar model to paddy farmers. |
| **Key Facts** | ■ Rabi wheat procurement price set at ₹**2,625/quintal** (MSP plus state bonus).<br>■ MP is India's leading **soybean** producer — the 'Soybean State'.<br>■ **Bhavantar Bhugtan Yojana** extended to **paddy** growers to cover price gaps.<br>■ **Sharbati wheat** of the Narmada belt is a prized GI-linked variety.<br>■ Record registrations under MSP procurement portals. |
| **Way Fwd** | Diversifying beyond wheat-soybean and strengthening warehousing can cushion farmers against price and climate shocks. |
| **Concept** | MSP is the floor price announced by CACP; Bhavantar pays the gap between MSP and market price without physical procurement. |



## DATA POINT OF THE DAY

**MP Rabi wheat procurement price**

**₹2,625 / quintal**

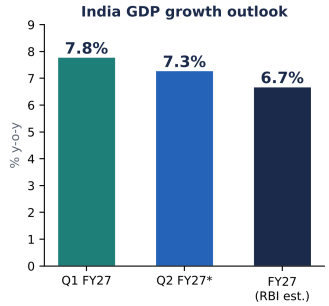
MSP plus state bonus for Rabi 2026-27 — part of why MP posts record MSP procurement as a top wheat state.

## SECTION C — NATIONAL & WORLD

### RBI Monetary Policy review underway (5–7 October)

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

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| **Syllabus Linkage** | Prelims — RBI, MPC, repo rate, monetary tools; Mains GS-III — monetary policy, inflation targeting, growth. |
| **Context** | The Reserve Bank's Monetary Policy Committee began its three-day review today, with the rate decision and growth-inflation outlook due on 7 October. |
| **Key Facts** | ■ Repo rate stands at **5.25%**; decision due **7 October**.<br>■ RBI's **FY27 real GDP** growth projection around **6.7%**.<br>■ **MPC** has six members; inflation target **4% (±2%)**.<br>■ Composite **PMI** near **56.5**, signalling continued expansion.<br>■ Forex reserves in the **$747 billion** range. |
| **Way Fwd** | Balancing sticky core inflation against a strong growth print will shape the space for any future rate action. |
| **Concept** | Repo is the rate at which RBI lends to banks; the MPC targets CPI inflation under the flexible inflation-targeting framework. |




### 2026 Nobel Prize week opens with Medicine

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

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| **Syllabus Linkage** | Prelims — Nobel Prizes, categories & bodies; Mains GS-III — science awards, research ecosystem. |
| **Context** | The 2026 Nobel Prize announcements began today with Physiology or Medicine, opening a week of awards across the sciences, literature and peace. |
| **Key Facts** | ■ **Medicine** announced **5 Oct** (3:00 pm IST); **Physics** 6 Oct; **Chemistry** 7 Oct.<br>■ **Literature** 8 Oct; **Peace** 9 Oct; **Economic Sciences** 12 Oct.<br>■ Instituted under the will of **Alfred Nobel**; first awarded **1901**.<br>■ Medicine, Physics, Chemistry & Literature chosen by **Swedish** institutions.<br>■ The **Peace Prize** is awarded in **Oslo, Norway**. |
| **Way Fwd** | Tracking laureates' fields helps map frontier research — gene editing, AI and climate science among likely themes. |
| **Concept** | Economic Sciences is not an original Nobel; it is the Sveriges Riksbank Prize (since **1969**) in memory of Alfred Nobel. |

### Export schemes RoDTEP & RoSCTL extended to 31 Dec 2026

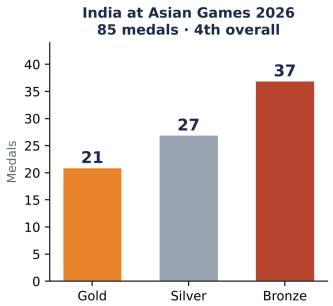
ECONOMY **MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (Economy & Trade)**

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| **Syllabus Linkage** | Prelims — RoDTEP, RoSCTL, export promotion; Mains GS-III — external sector, trade competitiveness. |
| **Context** | Amid West Asia shipping disruptions, the government extended two key duty-remission export schemes to support exporters through the year-end. |
| **Key Facts** | ■ **RoDTEP** and **RoSCTL** extended up to **31 December 2026**.<br>■ **RoDTEP** refunds **embedded duties and taxes** not otherwise rebated.<br>■ **RoSCTL** supports the **apparel and made-ups (textile)** sector.<br>■ Aim: keep exports **WTO-compliant** and price-competitive.<br>■ FY27 goods-plus-services exports targeted near **$1 trillion**. |
| **Way Fwd** | Predictable, longer-horizon scheme rates would help exporters plan better than repeated short extensions. |
| **Concept** | Duty remission (not subsidy) refunds taxes on inputs so that 'exports are zero-rated', aligning with WTO rules. |

## India finish Asian Games 2026 fourth with 85 medals

**SOCIETY** **MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-I (Sports & Current Events)**

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| **Syllabus Linkage** | Prelims — Asian Games, medal tally, host; Mains GS-I — sports development, soft power. |
| **Context** | India closed the 2026 Asian Games in fourth place with a near-record medal haul, driven by team golds in cricket, hockey and kabaddi. |
| **Key Facts** | ■ Total **85 medals — 21 gold, 27 silver, 37 bronze**; **4th** overall.<br>■ Second-best Asian Games haul ever (after **106** in 2023).<br>■ **Men's & women's hockey** both struck gold (historic double).<br>■ **Cricket** (men & women) and **kabaddi** (men & women) won gold.<br>■ **China** topped the table with **169** golds. |
| **Way Fwd** | Sustained grassroots funding and the Olympic bid ambition make such multi-sport performances a long-term soft-power asset. |
| **Concept** | The Asian Games are held every four years under the Olympic Council of Asia; medal depth signals a broadening sporting base. |




## GST Council to weigh 'GST 2.0' compliance reforms

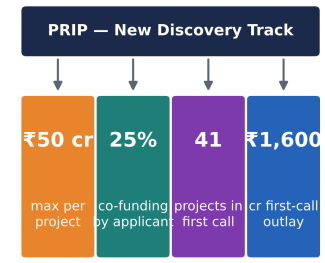
**POLITY** **MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II / GS-III (Polity & Economy)**

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| **Syllabus Linkage** | Prelims — GST Council, Art. 279A; Mains GS-II/III — fiscal federalism, tax reform, ease of doing business. |
| **Context** | The GST Council meets on 7 October to consider process reforms aimed at simplifying registration and reducing low-value disputes under a 'GST 2.0' agenda. |
| **Key Facts** | ■ Agenda: simpler **registration**, easier **e-commerce** cross-state operations.<br>■ **GST Council** is a constitutional body under **Article 279A**.<br>■ Chaired by the **Union Finance Minister** with state FMs.<br>■ Decisions by a **three-fourths** weighted majority.<br>■ Goal: cut **low-value tax disputes** and compliance burden. |
| **Way Fwd** | Rate rationalisation and faster refunds remain the bigger structural asks beyond process tweaks. |
| **Concept** | GST is a destination-based consumption tax; the Council embodies cooperative fiscal federalism between Centre and states. |

## PRIP 'New Discovery Track' boosts pharma research

**SCI-TECH** **MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (Science, Tech & Economy)**

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| **Syllabus Linkage** | Prelims — PRIP scheme, pharma R&D; Mains GS-III — innovation ecosystem, self-reliance in drugs. |
| **Context** | The Department of Pharmaceuticals launched a New Discovery Track under the PRIP scheme to fund early-stage drug and medical innovation. |
| **Key Facts** | ■ Funding up to **₹50 crore per project**.<br>■ Applicants provide **25% co-funding**.<br>■ First call approved **41 projects** worth about **₹1,600 crore**.<br>■ PRIP = **Promotion of Research & Innovation in Pharma MedTech**.<br>■ Aims to cut import dependence and build an **R&D ecosystem**. |
| **Way Fwd** | Linking academia, startups and industry with assured procurement can turn lab discoveries into affordable products. |
| **Concept** | Co-funding de-risks public money while ensuring private 'skin in the game'; supports Atmanirbhar Bharat in pharma. |




*Boosting pharma research & innovation in India*

## SECTION D — PRELIMS RAPID-FIRE

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| 1 | **World Teachers' Day** is observed on **5 October**. |
| 2 | **National Wildlife Week** runs **2–8 October** (70th edition). |
| 3 | RBI **repo rate** currently stands at **5.25%**. |
| 4 | MP's Rabi **wheat** procurement price: ₹**2,625/quintal**. |
| 5 | **Kuno National Park** lies in **Sheopur** district, MP. |
| 6 | India won **21 gold** among **85 medals** at **Asian Games 2026**. |

## SECTION E — PRACTICE CORNER

**Q1.** With reference to the Ladli Behna Yojana of Madhya Pradesh, consider the following:
1. The monthly benefit has been raised to ₹1,500.
2. Payments are made through Direct Benefit Transfer.
3. It is a scheme for senior citizens only.
Which of the statements is/are correct?

**(A)** 1 and 2 only
**(B)** 2 and 3 only
**(C)** 1 and 3 only
**(D)** 1, 2 and 3

**Ans: (A).** The monthly aid steps up to ₹1,500 and is paid by DBT to women beneficiaries, not senior citizens; hence 1 and 2 only.

**Q2.** Project Cheetah, often in the news, is primarily associated with which national park?

**(A)** Kanha National Park
**(B)** Kuno National Park
**(C)** Bandhavgarh National Park
**(D)** Panna National Park

**Ans: (B).** Project Cheetah reintroduced cheetahs at Kuno National Park in Sheopur district, Madhya Pradesh, from 2022; Gandhi Sagar is being readied as a second site.

**Mains Practice:** Madhya Pradesh has positioned itself as India's 'Tiger State' and the home of Project Cheetah. Examine the ecological and economic significance of such wildlife reintroduction and conservation programmes for the state. (250 words)

**Hint:** Cover biodiversity restoration, eco-tourism and local livelihoods, Kuno & Gandhi Sagar, prey-base and community challenges, and the balance between conservation and development.

★ **QUICK REVISION:** Remember today: Ladli Behna ₹1,500/month, Kuno cheetahs to open wild in late Oct during National Wildlife Week, RBI MPC 5–7 Oct (repo 5.25%), and Nobel-2026 week opens.

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