

TODAY AT A GLANCE — 10 THINGS TO REMEMBER

- MP extends Ladli Behna & Ladli Lakshmi schemes by 5 years
- MP Budget 2026-27: capital outlay crosses ₹1 lakh crore
- Four MP tribal crops (Baiga, Dindori) receive GI tags
- Kuno gets 9 Botswana cheetahs; first India-born cheetah has 5 cubs
- MP fixes effective wheat price at ₹2,600 per quintal
- Supreme Court pushes judges' retirement age from 60 to 62
- National accounts base year now 2022-23; PPI to replace WPI
- ISRO GSLV-F17 launches heaviest EOS-05 (2,367 kg)
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- India to host BRICS Summit (12-13 Sep) in New Delhi

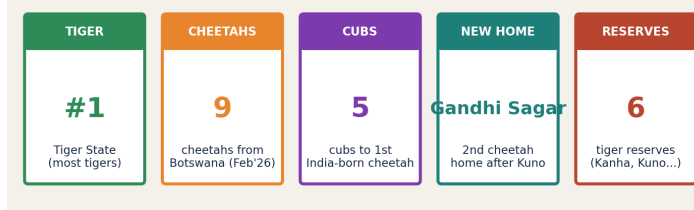
SECTION A — MADHYA PRADESH SPECIAL

MPPSC Prelims & Mains

LADLI BEHNA YOJANA — AT A GLANCE



MADHYA PRADESH — TIGER STATE & CHEETAH STATE



Ladli Behna & Ladli Lakshmi schemes get five-year extension

MADHYA PRADESH

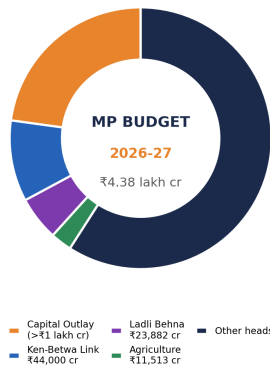
Syllabus Linkage	GS-II: welfare schemes for women & children. Prelims: MP flagship schemes, eligibility, instalment amounts.
Context	The MP Cabinet cleared a five-year extension of the Ladli Behna Yojana and Ladli Lakshmi Yojana, the state's flagship women- and girl-child welfare schemes.
Key Facts	- 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.
Way Forward	Direct transfers strengthen women's financial autonomy; the fiscal sustainability of rising outlays needs monitoring.
Concept	DBT and the JAM trinity (Jan Dhan-Aadhaar-Mobile); Article 15(3) special provisions for women & children; 'Nari Shakti'-led development.

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

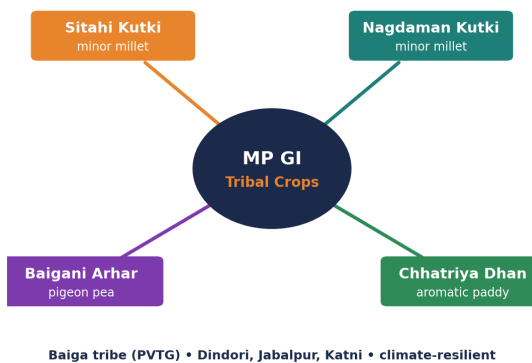
MADHYA PRADESH

Syllabus Linkage	GS-III: government budgeting, resource mobilisation, capital expenditure. Prelims: MP budget size, GSDP, fiscal deficit.
Context	Madhya Pradesh's ₹4.38 lakh crore budget for 2026-27 pushes capital spending past ₹1 lakh crore for the first time.
Key Facts	- 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.
Way Forward	Higher capex can crowd-in private investment and jobs if execution keeps pace.
Concept	Capital vs revenue expenditure; fiscal deficit and FRBM; GSDP; gender and child budgeting.

Key Allocations — MP State Budget



Four Tribal Crops Get GI Tags



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

ECONOMY MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (Agriculture)

Syllabus Linkage	GS-III: MSP, procurement, farmer welfare. Prelims: MSP mechanism, MP crops (wheat, soybean).
Context	Madhya Pradesh declared 2026 a 'Farmer Welfare Year' and fixed an effective wheat price of ₹2,600 per quintal for Rabi 2026-27.
Key Facts	- 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'.
Way Forward	The bonus supports incomes but adds fiscal load; crop diversification and storage need attention.
Concept	MSP and CACP; PDS procurement; Sharbati wheat (GI); Narmada-valley agriculture.

Four tribal crops of Madhya Pradesh win GI tags

MADHYA PRADESH

Syllabus Linkage	GS-III: agriculture, IPR (GI); GS-I: tribal heritage. Prelims: GI Act 1999, MP GI products.
Context	Four traditional crops nurtured by Madhya Pradesh's tribal communities received Geographical Indication (GI) tags.
Key Facts	- Tagged crops: Sitahi Kutki, Nagdaman Kutki (minor millets), Baigani Arhar (pigeon pea) and Chhatrriya Dhan (paddy). - They have been preserved for generations by the Baiga tribe, a PVTG, of Dindori. - Chhatrriya 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.
Way Forward	GI branding can raise tribal incomes and preserve agro-biodiversity, but needs strong market linkage.
Concept	GI is an IPR under the Geographical Indications Act, 1999; PVTG; millets ('Shree Anna'); agro-biodiversity.

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

ENVIRONMENT

Syllabus Linkage	GS-III: conservation, biodiversity, Project Cheetah/Tiger. Prelims: Kuno, protected areas of MP.
Context	Project Cheetah at Kuno keeps expanding as Madhya Pradesh remains India's only cheetah-bearing state and its top tiger state.
Key Facts	- 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.
Way Forward	A second population lowers disease and genetic risk; prey base and corridors remain critical.
Concept	Project Cheetah (2022); IUCN reintroduction norms; Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972; MP reserves — Kanha, Bandhavgarh, Pench, Panna, Satpura.

SECTION B — DATA POINT OF THE DAY

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MP capital outlay, Budget 2026-27

DATA POINT OF THE DAY

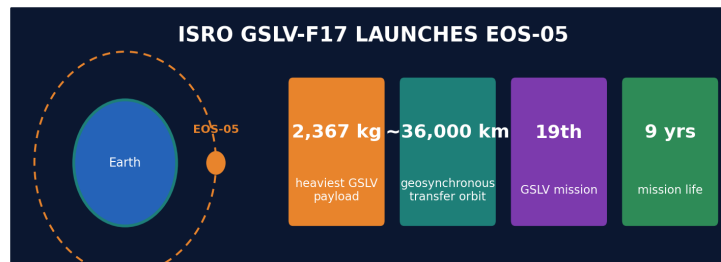
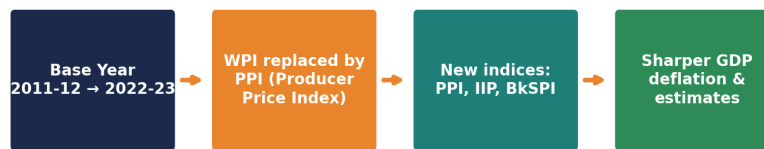
Crosses ₹1 lakh crore — a first

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

SECTION C — NATIONAL & WORLD

MPPSC Prelims & Mains

NEW NATIONAL ACCOUNTS FRAMEWORK 2026 (MoSPI)



SC nudges states to raise judges' retirement age to 62

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

Syllabus Linkage	GS-II: judiciary, judicial reforms, pendency. Prelims: district judiciary, Articles 233-237.
Context	A three-judge bench directed states to consider raising the retirement age of district-judiciary officers from 60 to 62 to cut pendency.
Key Facts	- 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.
Way Forward	Retaining experienced judges can ease the backlog, but must be paired with more posts and infrastructure.
Concept	District judiciary (Articles 233-237); subordinate courts; separation of powers; judicial pendency.

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

ECONOMY

Syllabus Linkage	GS-III: national income accounting, price indices. Prelims: GDP base year, WPI/CPI/PPI, IIP.
Context	The statistics ministry unveiled the National Accounts Statistics 2026 with a revised base year and new price indices.
Key Facts	- 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.
Way Forward	An updated base and PPI improve the accuracy of growth and inflation measurement.
Concept	GDP deflator; base-year revision; WPI vs CPI vs PPI; IIP; national-income aggregates.

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

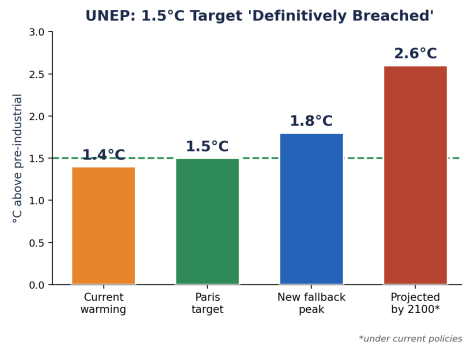
SCI-TECH

Syllabus Linkage	GS-III: space technology, ISRO missions. Prelims: GSLV, satellite orbits, EOS series.
Context	ISRO's GSLV-F17 placed the EOS-05 Earth-observation satellite into a geosynchronous transfer orbit.
Key Facts	- 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.
Way Forward	Geostationary imaging aids continuous weather, disaster and border monitoring.
Concept	GSLV vs PSLV; GTO/GEO orbits; cryogenic upper stage; remote sensing and the EOS series.

UNEP: 1.5°C warming target 'definitively breached'

ENVIRONMENT

Syllabus Linkage	GS-III: climate change, global agreements. Prelims: Paris Agreement, UNEP, carbon removal.
Context	A UNEP report concluded that the 1.5°C Paris goal has been definitively breached and outlined a fallback pathway.
Key Facts	- 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.
Way Forward	This needs steep emission cuts plus scaled-up nature- and technology-based carbon removal.
Concept	Paris Agreement; NDCs; net-zero; CDR (afforestation, BECCS, Direct Air Capture); overshoot.



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

ECONOMY

Syllabus Linkage	GS-III: public finance, taxation. Prelims: tax buoyancy, direct vs indirect tax.
Context	Direct-tax buoyancy remained above 1 for a third straight year, showing taxes growing faster than GDP.
Key Facts	- 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.
Way Forward	Sustained buoyancy widens the fiscal space for capex and welfare.
Concept	Tax buoyancy vs elasticity; direct vs indirect taxes; progressive taxation; the tax-to-GDP ratio.

India to host BRICS Summit 2026 in New Delhi

IR MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (International Relations)

Syllabus Linkage	GS-II: India and groupings, bilateral/multilateral relations. Prelims: BRICS members and summits.
Context	New Delhi is set to host the BRICS Summit on 12-13 September 2026, amid renewed India-China engagement.
Key Facts	- 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.
Way Forward	Hosting boosts India's role in Global-South diplomacy and multipolar balancing.
Concept	BRICS (2009; +South Africa 2010; recent expansion); Global South; multipolarity; the Special Representative border mechanism.

SECTION D — PRELIMS RAPID-FIRE

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- MP's flagship women's scheme is Ladli Behna (₹1,500 per month).
- India's only cheetah-bearing state is Madhya Pradesh (Kuno).
- GI tags are protected under the GI Act, 1999.
- PPI is set to replace WPI for GDP deflation.
- CJI Surya Kant led the district-judiciary bench.
- The BRICS Summit 2026 venue is New Delhi (12-13 Sep).

SECTION E — PRACTICE CORNER

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Q1. 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?

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

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.

Q2. Which statement about the National Accounts Statistics 2026 is correct?

- (A) The base year shifted to 2011-12
(B) PPI will replace CPI
(C) The base year shifted to 2022-23 and PPI will replace WPI
(D) IIP has been discontinued

Answer: C. The new series adopts base year 2022-23 and introduces PPI to replace WPI (not CPI) for GDP deflation; IIP continues.

Mains practice: Flagship direct-benefit schemes such as Ladli Behna have reshaped welfare in Madhya Pradesh. Examine their socio-economic impact and fiscal sustainability. (250 words)

Hint: 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.

QUICK REVISION: 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.

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