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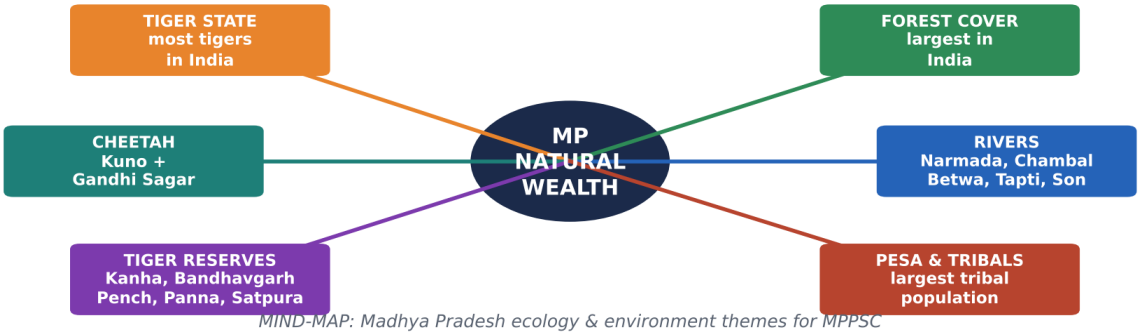
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DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS FOR MPPSC

TODAY AT A GLANCE • 10 THINGS TO REMEMBER

- MP Cabinet clears **₹23,288 cr**; **15** new satellite towns approved
- Next **'destination cabinet'** at **Gandhi Sagar (Neemuch)** on **Nov 18**
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SECTION A • MADHYA PRADESH SPECIAL



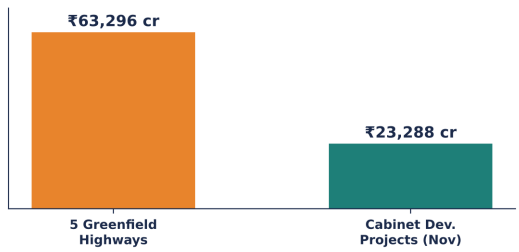
MIND-MAP: Madhya Pradesh ecology & environment themes for MPPSC

MP Cabinet Clears ₹23,288 Cr; 15 New Satellite Towns, Gandhi Sagar 'Destination Cabinet' on Nov 18

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

Syllabus Linkage	Mains GS-II: state policies & governance • Prelims: MP polity, cabinet system, destination-cabinet concept
Context	The **Mohan Yadav** cabinet (meeting of **Nov 3, 2026**) approved continuation of development projects worth over **₹23,288 crore** and cleared **15 new satellite towns** to ease pressure on big cities.
Key Facts	● Next meeting a **'destination cabinet'** at **Gandhi Sagar (Neemuch)** on **Nov 18**, themed on agriculture & industry ● State has declared a **'Year of Farmer Welfare'** and a **'Year of Industry'** ● **15 satellite towns** to upgrade urban infrastructure around existing cities ● Ministers told to mark **Diwali & Govardhan Puja** in villages with completed Swamitva registry
Way Fwd	The destination-cabinet model takes governance to the regions; focus now shifts to execution and farmer–industry linkages.
Concept	**Satellite town** = planned, largely self-contained township near a city to decongest it; a **'destination cabinet'** is a cabinet meeting held outside the state capital.

MP INFRASTRUCTURE PUSH (₹ crore)



+ 15 new satellite towns planned to ease urban pressure

Swamitva Yojana: MP Nears 16 Lakh Free Rural Property Registries, Eyes 20 Lakh by Nov 15

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

Syllabus Linkage	Mains GS-II: welfare schemes • GS-III: rural economy & credit • Prelims: SVAMITVA, drones, property cards
Context	On **Dhanteras (Nov 6)**, MP pushed its free rural property-registration drive under the Centre's **SVAMITVA scheme**; about **15.98 lakh** registries are complete across **55 districts**.
Key Facts	● Target: **20 lakh** registrations by **Nov 15**; expected to benefit about **60 lakh** people ● Property cards let rural families use homes as **collateral for bank loans** (institutional credit) ● Large-scale distribution of registry documents is planned for **December** ● SVAMITVA uses **drone** surveys of inhabited (**abadi**) village land
Way Fwd	Monetising 'dead capital' in villages can deepen formal credit; success hinges on error-free records and bank uptake.
Concept	**SVAMITVA** (Survey of Villages & Mapping with Improvised Technology in Village Areas), launched **2020-21**, is run by the **Ministry of Panchayati Raj**.

SWAMITVA YOJANA — MP RURAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

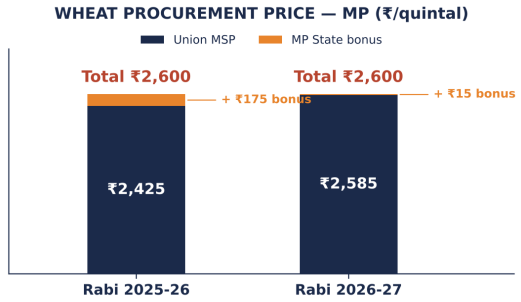


Free registration of rural homes • usable for bank loans

MP Fixes Wheat at ₹2,600/Quintal for Rabi 2026-27; Soybean Farmers Get ₹5,328 via Bhavantar

MADHYA PRADESH / ECONOMY **MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (Economy & Agriculture)**

Syllabus Linkage	Mains GS-III: MSP, agri-marketing, farm economy • Prelims: MSP, Bhavantar, procurement agencies
Context	MP set a total wheat procurement price of **₹2,600/quintal** for **Rabi 2026-27** — Union **MSP ₹2,585** plus a **₹15 state bonus** — while soybean growers realise **₹5,328/quintal** under Bhavantar.
Key Facts	● Previous season: MSP **₹2,425** + **₹175** bonus; the bonus is trimmed this year ● MP is India's **'Soybean State'** and a top **wheat** producer (incl. aromatic **Sharbati** wheat) ● Procurement runs through a **central cooperative agency (NCCF)** with assured timely payment ● **Paddy** registration deadline was extended; MP is a major **MSP-procurement** state
Way Fwd	Bonus-plus-MSP cushions farmers but strains the exchequer; crop diversification and value-addition (Sharbati, soy processing) are the durable fix.
Concept	**Bhavantar Bhugtan Yojana** = a price-deficiency payment covering the gap between the MSP/model price and the market price.



Project Cheetah Expands: After Kuno, Gandhi Sagar Becomes MP's Second Cheetah Home

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

Syllabus Linkage	Mains GS-III: conservation & biodiversity • Prelims: Kuno, Gandhi Sagar, cheetah, protected areas of MP
Context	MP — India's only cheetah-bearing state — has extended **Project Cheetah** from **Kuno National Park (Sheopur)** to the **Gandhi Sagar Sanctuary (Neemuch/Mandsaur)**, where cheetahs **Prabhash & Pavak** were settled.
Key Facts	● Project Cheetah (**2022**) was the world's first **intercontinental** big-cat translocation (Namibia & South Africa) ● MP is the **'Tiger State'** with the **most tigers** and the **largest forest cover** in India ● Flagship tiger reserves: **Kanha, Bandhavgarh, Pench, Panna, Satpura** ● The **'Boma'** technique (African expertise) relocated **~2,000** nilgai/deer to cut crop damage
Way Fwd	A second population spreads disease and inbreeding risk; prey base and community support will decide long-term success.
Concept	**Boma** = a funnel-shaped enclosure capture method for mass, low-stress relocation of wild herbivores.

MP Plans Five Greenfield Highways Worth ₹63,296 Crore to Boost Connectivity

MADHYA PRADESH / ECONOMY **MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (Infrastructure & Economy)**

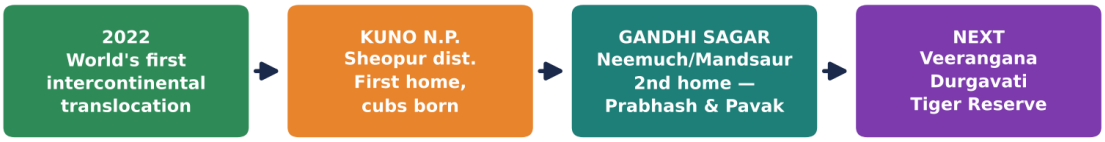
Syllabus Linkage	Mains GS-III: infrastructure & investment • Prelims: greenfield vs brownfield, industrial corridors
Context	MP is planning **five greenfield highways** at an estimated **₹63,296 crore** to cut travel time and open up industrial and logistics corridors.
Key Facts	● Complements the cabinet's **₹23,288 cr** development push and **15** new satellite towns ● **Greenfield** = a brand-new alignment on fresh land (vs upgrading existing roads) ● Linked to MP's **'Year of Industry'** and Global Investors Summit momentum ● Better corridors aid **agri-logistics** and **tourism** (Khajuraho, Ujjain Mahakal)
Way Fwd	Land acquisition and environmental clearances are the usual bottlenecks; PPP financing can speed delivery.
Concept	**Greenfield project** = built from scratch on undeveloped land; **brownfield** = expansion/upgrade of an existing asset.

Centre Extends Fast Track Special Courts Scheme by 5 Years; MP Welcomes the Move

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

Syllabus Linkage	Mains GS-II: judiciary, women & child safety • Prelims: FTSCs, POCSO, centrally sponsored schemes
Context	The Union government extended the **Fast Track Special Courts (FTSC)** scheme for **five more years**; the MP CM welcomed it as a boost to speedy justice in **rape and POCSO** cases.
Key Facts	● FTSCs are a **centrally sponsored** scheme to fast-track **rape** and **POCSO Act** cases ● Launched in **2019** after the **Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 2018** ● Includes dedicated **exclusive POCSO (e-POCSO)** courts ● MP, with high case pendency, is a major beneficiary of added FTSCs
Way Fwd	Courts still need judges, prosecutors and forensics filled up; timelines help only if infrastructure keeps pace.
Concept	**FTSC** = a centrally sponsored scheme (Department of Justice) for time-bound disposal of sexual-offence cases.

PROJECT CHEETAH — MADHYA PRADESH'S TWO HOMES



India's only cheetah-bearing state • MP = "Tiger State" & largest forest cover

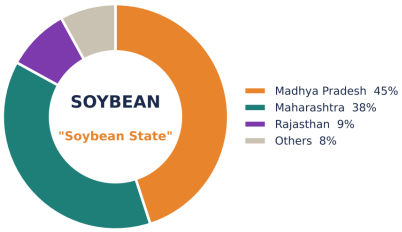
SECTION B • DATA POINT OF THE DAY

Soybean price realised by MP farmers (Bhavantar)

₹5,328 / quintal

Madhya Pradesh is India's **'Soybean State'**; under the **Bhavantar** price-support scheme, soybean growers realise an effective **₹5,328 per quintal**, cushioning them against market-price crashes.

MP — LEADING SOYBEAN PRODUCER (share, indicative)



Bhavantar support: farmers realise ₹5,328/qtl

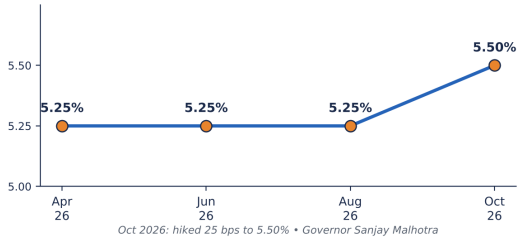
SECTION C • NATIONAL & WORLD

UPI to Stay Free: Zero-MDR Framework Back in Focus as RBI Confirms No Charges

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

Syllabus Linkage	Mains GS-III: digital economy, financial inclusion • Prelims: UPI, NPCI, MDR, RBI
Context	The debate over the **Merchant Discount Rate (MDR)** on **UPI** returned to the Supreme Court; the **RBI** confirmed that **UPI stays free** (zero MDR) for users and small merchants.
Key Facts	● **UPI** is operated by the **NPCI** and clocks record monthly transaction volumes ● **MDR** = the fee a merchant pays its bank per digital transaction ● Zero-MDR on UPI and RuPay debit was notified from **January 2020** ● Access widened via **UPI123Pay** (feature phones) and offline **UPI Lite**
Way Fwd	Zero MDR drives adoption but squeezes the payments ecosystem; a targeted incentive/subsidy model is under debate.
Concept	**MDR** = Merchant Discount Rate, the percentage a merchant pays on digital payments, shared among the bank, network and payment service provider.

RBI REPO RATE — 2026 (MPC)



Oct 2026: hiked 25 bps to 5.50% • Governor Sanjay Malhotra

Election Commission Orders Special Summary Revision of Electoral Rolls in 6 States/UTs

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

Syllabus Linkage	Mains GS-II: Representation of People, electoral reforms • Prelims: SSR vs SIR, ECI, qualifying date
Context	The **Election Commission of India** announced a **Special Summary Revision (SSR)** of electoral rolls across **six states/UTs** to update voter lists ahead of polls.
Key Facts	● **SSR** is a routine roll update with a fixed **qualifying date**; **SIR** is a deeper house-to-house intensive revision ● Voting age has been **18** since the **61st Constitutional Amendment (1988)** ● The ECI is a constitutional body under **Article 324** ● Rolls are prepared under the **Representation of the People Act, 1950**
Way Fwd	Clean, inclusive rolls are the base of free polls; transparency in additions and deletions prevents disputes.
Concept	Electoral-roll revision: **SSR (summary)** vs **SIR (intensive)** — they differ in method, depth and frequency.

CERT-In Issues Security-Audit Guidance for 'Agentic AI' Systems

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

Syllabus Linkage	Mains GS-III: cyber security, emerging tech • Prelims: CERT-In, IT Act 2000, agentic AI
Context	**CERT-In** released guidance to security-audit **Agentic AI** systems — AI that can act and take decisions autonomously — flagging new attack surfaces.
Key Facts	● Key risks: **excessive permissions, credential misuse, unsafe delegation, weak human oversight** ● CERT-In works under **MeitY**, mandated by **Section 70B of the IT Act, 2000** ● It is India's national nodal agency for **cyber-incident** response ● **Agentic AI** = AI agents that plan and execute multi-step tasks using tools
Way Fwd	'Human-in-the-loop' controls and least-privilege access must be designed in before agentic AI scales in government and finance.
Concept	**CERT-In** = Indian Computer Emergency Response Team, the national cyber-security incident-response agency.

Supreme Court: 24-Hour Arrest Safeguard Counts from Actual Detention, Not Just the Record

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

Syllabus Linkage	Mains GS-II: Fundamental Rights, criminal justice • Prelims: Article 22, Article 21, remand
Context	The **Supreme Court** held that the **24-hour** safeguard under **Article 22(2)** must be measured from the **actual time of detention**, excluding only the necessary journey time to the magistrate.
Key Facts	● **Article 22(2)**: an arrested person must be produced before a magistrate within **24 hours** ● Journey time to the nearest magistrate is **excluded** from the 24 hours ● The safeguard flows from **Article 21** (life and personal liberty) ● It guards against **illegal detention**; non-compliance can vitiate custody
Way Fwd	Strict compliance and digital time-stamping of arrests can curb custodial excess.
Concept	**Article 22** = protection against arrest and detention in certain cases (procedural due-process safeguards).

Delhi-NCR Air Turns 'Severe': GRAP Curbs Tighten as Winter Pollution Peaks

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

Syllabus Linkage	Mains GS-III: pollution, environmental governance • Prelims: AQI, GRAP, CAQM, stubble burning
Context	As winter set in, **Delhi-NCR** air quality slid toward the **'severe'** band, triggering tighter **GRAP** curbs; the Centre cited steps including action against polluting industries.
Key Facts	● **GRAP** (Graded Response Action Plan) is enforced by the **CAQM** ● **AQI** bands: 0-50 Good ... **301-400 Very Poor, 401-500 Severe** ● Chief drivers: **vehicles, construction dust, stubble burning** and low winter winds ● Reported steps: AQI brought below **400**; ~**980** polluting industries acted against
Way Fwd	Year-round airshed management, clean fuel and farm-residue solutions beat seasonal emergency curbs.
Concept	**GRAP** = graded, AQI-triggered emergency measures; **CAQM** = Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR & adjoining areas (statutory, 2021).

SECTION D • PRELIMS RAPID-FIRE

1. MP's next **'destination cabinet'** is on **Nov 18, 2026** at **Gandhi Sagar, Neemuch**.
2. **Birsa Munda Jayanti / Janjatiya Gaurav Divas** falls on **Nov 15**; MP has India's **largest tribal population**.
3. **Kuno National Park** sits in **Sheopur** district on the **Kuno river** (Chambal basin).
4. RBI's **October 2026 MPC** set the repo rate at **5.50%**; the Governor is **Sanjay Malhotra**.
5. **SVAMITVA** uses **drones** to map inhabited village land and is run by the **Ministry of Panchayati Raj**.
6. The **61st Constitutional Amendment (1988)** lowered the voting age from **21 to 18**.

SECTION E • PRACTICE CORNER

Q1. Consider the following statements about Project Cheetah in Madhya Pradesh:
1. Kuno National Park is located in Sheopur district.
2. Gandhi Sagar Sanctuary has been developed as MP's second cheetah site.
3. The cheetahs were brought from Namibia and South Africa.
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

Answer: (d) — All three are correct. Kuno lies in Sheopur district; Gandhi Sagar (Neemuch/Mandsaur) is the second home (Prabhash & Pavak); the cheetahs came from Namibia and South Africa under the 2022 translocation.

Q2. With reference to Article 22 of the Constitution, consider the following:
1. An arrested person must be produced before a magistrate within 24 hours.
2. The 24-hour period excludes the time needed for the journey to the magistrate.
3. The safeguard is linked to Article 21.
Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: (d) — All three are correct. Article 22(2) mandates production within 24 hours; necessary journey time is excluded; and the safeguard is read with Article 21 (personal liberty), as reaffirmed by the Supreme Court.

Mains Practice: Madhya Pradesh is India's only cheetah-bearing state and its 'Tiger State'. Discuss the ecological and administrative challenges in sustaining Project Cheetah across Kuno and Gandhi Sagar, and suggest measures to balance conservation with local livelihoods. (250 words)

Hint: Cover prey-base adequacy, disease/inbreeding risk of small populations, human-wildlife conflict (Boma relocation), community participation, eco-tourism revenue-sharing, and inter-site/inter-state coordination.

★ **ONE-LINE REVISION:** Remember: MP = Tiger State + Soybean State + India's only cheetah home; Swamitva nears 16 lakh rural registries; wheat MSP+bonus ₹2,600/qtl; RBI repo 5.50%; EC orders SSR in 6 states/UTs.

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