

TODAY AT A GLANCE — 10 THINGS TO REMEMBER

■ MP Cabinet clears ₹41,000 cr package (roads, rural jobs, dairy)	■ VB-G RAM G rural scheme gets ₹29,619 cr outlay
■ MP targets 1,000+ tigers; rhinos to be introduced	■ Project Cheetah extends to Gandhi Sagar Sanctuary
■ MP Budget 2026-27: ₹3.88 lakh cr; GSDP ₹18.48 lakh cr	■ PM dedicates Western DFC sections (~₹35,000 cr)
■ DAC clears ₹1.10 lakh cr in defence procurement	■ RBI drains ₹6 lakh cr; repo held at 5.25%
■ Japan CRA upgrades India to 'A-' (from BBB+)	■ 18th BRICS Summit in New Delhi, 12-13 Sep

SECTION A • MADHYA PRADESH SPECIAL

MP Cabinet clears ₹41,000 crore package for jobs, roads and rural growth

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

Syllabus Linkage	GS-II Governance & State Policy; Prelims — MP state schemes & budgeting
Context	The state Cabinet, chaired by CM Mohan Yadav, approved financial proposals and welfare measures totalling about ₹41,000 crore, aimed at rural employment, road connectivity and social welfare.
Key Facts	■ New rural livelihood scheme 'VB-G RAM G' (state-level replacement of MGNREGA) with a ₹29,619 crore outlay, effective 1 July 2026 ■ Western Bhopal Bypass — 35.61 km, four-lane — sanctioned at ₹3,225.51 crore ■ Mehlu-Bina-Khimlasa-Malthone four-lane road (67.1 km) at ₹2,776.83 crore ■ Rajiv Gandhi Proudhyogiki Vishwavidyalaya restructured into three universities — Bhopal, Ujjain, Jabalpur ■ Summer moong Price Support Scheme procurement limit raised from 25% to 60%; ₹2,973 crore dairy plan with NDDB
Way Fwd	Timely execution and transparent DBT delivery will decide whether the outlay turns into rural jobs and durable assets.
Concept	MGNREGA (2005) guarantees 100 days' wage employment per rural household; the Price Support Scheme (PSS) procures notified pulses/oilseeds at MSP through central nodal agencies.

Project Cheetah expands from Kuno to Gandhi Sagar in MP

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

Syllabus Linkage	GS-III Species reintroduction; Prelims — Project Cheetah, Kuno
Context	MP continues the world's first intercontinental cheetah translocation, extending the range from Kuno National Park to the Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary.
Key Facts	■ Cheetahs were sourced from Namibia and South Africa; wild-born cubs have been born on Indian soil ■ Kuno National Park lies in Sheopur district; Gandhi Sagar Sanctuary spans the Mandsaur-Neemuch belt ■ The cheetah is the world's fastest land animal and was declared extinct in India in 1952
Way Fwd	A second population at Gandhi Sagar spreads risk and helps build a viable metapopulation for the long term.
Concept	Project Cheetah (2022) is a species reintroduction under an MoU, coordinated by the NTCA and the Wildlife Institute of India.

MP eyes 1,000+ tigers and plans to introduce rhinos

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

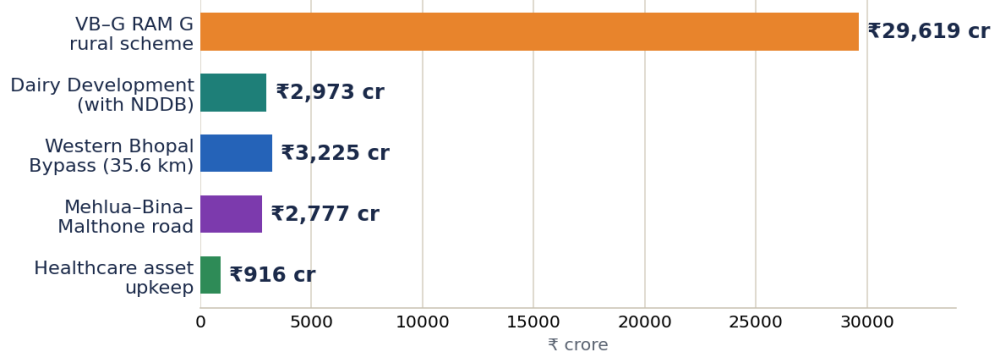
Syllabus Linkage	GS-III Biodiversity & Conservation; Prelims — protected areas of MP
Context	Reaffirming its 'Tiger State' tag, MP signalled a target of crossing 1,000 tigers in the next census and announced plans to introduce rhinoceros, alongside a forest-tourism push.
Key Facts	■ MP recorded 785 tigers in the 2022 all-India estimation — the highest of any state ■ State now has 9 tiger reserves, including the newly notified Ratapani and Veerangana Durgavati reserves ■ Rhino introduction planned; wild buffalo already reintroduced and gharial numbers strengthened in the Chambal ■ Kanha, Bandhavgarh, Pench, Panna and Satpura are among the flagship reserves
Way Fwd	Prey-base augmentation, corridor protection and community-linked eco-tourism are key to sustaining big-cat numbers.
Concept	Tiger Reserves are notified under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 on a core-buffer model and monitored by the NTCA.

MP pushes forest tourism and homestays to lift tribal incomes

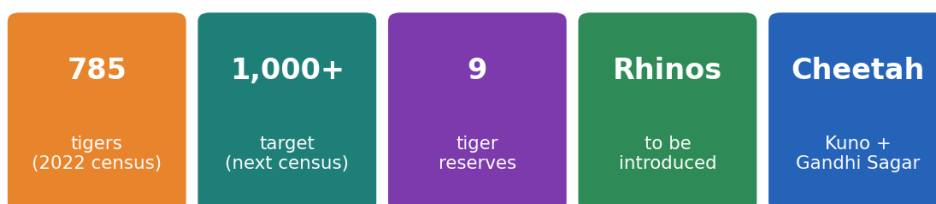
MADHYA PRADESH MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-I & GS-II (Society & Social Justice)

Syllabus Linkage	GS-I Tribal society; GS-II Social Justice & PESA; Prelims — MP tribal welfare
Context	The state is expanding community-run forest tourism, homestays and eco-tourism circuits to raise incomes for forest-dwelling and tribal communities.
Key Facts	■ MP has India's largest Scheduled Tribe population; PESA rules empower Gram Sabhas over minor forest produce ■ The homestay and eco-tourism model links wildlife-tourism revenue to local livelihoods ■ MP has the country's largest recorded forest cover by area
Way Fwd	Skill-training, benefit-sharing and value-addition of minor forest produce can make forest tourism inclusive and sustainable.
Concept	The PESA Act, 1996 extends Panchayati Raj to Fifth Schedule (tribal) areas; MP notified its state PESA Rules in 2022.

MP Cabinet: ₹41,000 crore package — key approvals



Madhya Pradesh — the 'Tiger State' | Wildlife snapshot



Project Cheetah in Madhya Pradesh — expansion flow

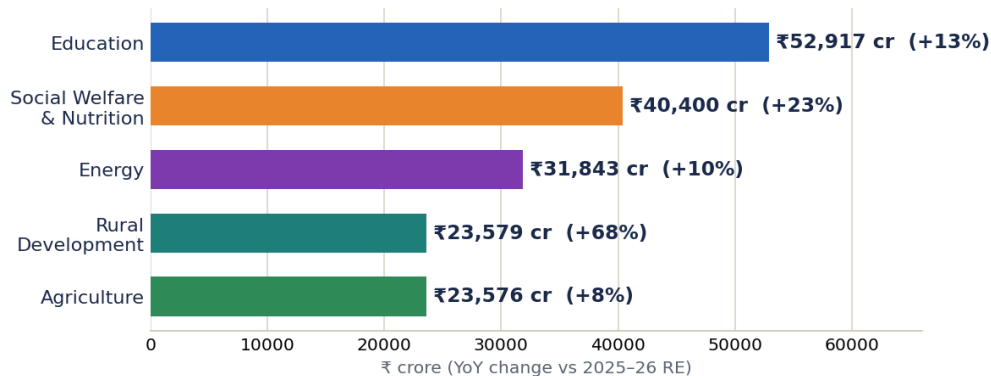


SECTION B • DATA POINT OF THE DAY

MP GSDP (2026-27, projected)
₹18.48 lakh crore

Total Budget size ₹3.88 lakh crore • ~11% GSDP growth • fiscal deficit targeted at 3.9% of GSDP • capital outlay ₹78,920 crore.

MP Budget 2026-27: major sector allocations



SECTION C • NATIONAL & WORLD

PM dedicates Western Dedicated Freight Corridor sections

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

Syllabus Linkage	GS-III Infrastructure; Prelims — DFC network
Context	The Prime Minister dedicated three sections of the Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (WDFC), part of infrastructure projects worth over ₹35,000 crore.
Key Facts	■ The WDFC runs from Dadri (Uttar Pradesh) to Jawaharlal Nehru Port near Mumbai ■ Freight corridors separate goods traffic from passenger lines, cutting transit time and logistics cost ■ The sections were dedicated on 8 September 2026
Way Fwd	Feeder connectivity and industrial corridors along the DFC can boost manufacturing and exports.
Concept	DFCCIL, a PSU under the Ministry of Railways, builds the Eastern and Western Dedicated Freight Corridors.

RBI drains over ₹6 lakh crore as banking surplus swells

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

Syllabus Linkage	GS-III Monetary policy; Prelims — RBI liquidity tools
Context	With the banking-system surplus touching about ₹11.6 lakh crore, the RBI absorbed over ₹6 lakh crore through variable-rate reverse repo (VRRR) operations.
Key Facts	■ Overnight and 30-day VRRR auctions were used to mop up excess liquidity ■ The repo rate was held at 5.25% with a neutral stance; SDF at 5.00%, MSF at 5.50% ■ Persistent surplus liquidity can stoke inflation if left unabsorbed
Way Fwd	Calibrated liquidity management keeps short-term money-market rates aligned with the policy repo rate.
Concept	VRRR is a Liquidity Adjustment Facility (LAF) tool to absorb funds; the SDF is the floor and the MSF the ceiling of the LAF corridor.

Defence Minister visits Sri Lanka under 'Neighbourhood First'

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

Syllabus Linkage	GS-II India & its neighbourhood; Prelims — bilateral ties
Context	India's Defence Minister undertook a visit to Sri Lanka (8-10 September 2026) for talks on defence, maritime security and regional cooperation.
Key Facts	■ The visit reinforces India's 'Neighbourhood First' and SAGAR vision in the Indian Ocean ■ Maritime security and training cooperation featured on the agenda
Way Fwd	Deeper defence ties help counter external influence in the strategically vital Indian Ocean Region.
Concept	'Neighbourhood First' prioritises immediate neighbours; SAGAR = Security and Growth for All in the Region.

Defence Acquisition Council clears ~₹1.10 lakh crore procurement

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

Syllabus Linkage	GS-III Defence & Security; Prelims — DAC, indigenisation
Context	The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), the Defence Ministry's top procurement body, approved proposals worth about ₹1.10 lakh crore for the Army, Navy and Air Force.
Key Facts	■ Items include CBRN reconnaissance vehicles, radars, advanced light helicopters, marine gas turbines and bridging/mine-laying systems ■ The DAC is chaired by the Raksha Mantri (Defence Minister) ■ There is a strong emphasis on indigenous sourcing under Atmanirbhar Bharat
Way Fwd	Acceptance of Necessity is only the first stage; contract finalisation and delivery timelines decide the actual capability gain.
Concept	Acceptance of Necessity (AoN) is the DAC's first approval step under the Defence Acquisition Procedure (DAP 2020).

Japan Credit Rating Agency upgrades India to 'A-'

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

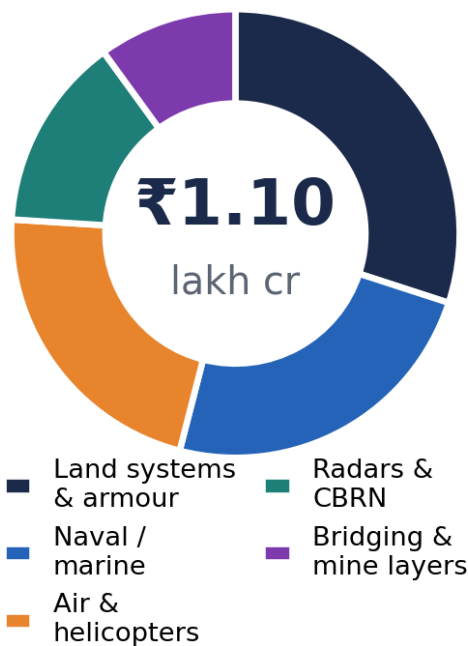
Syllabus Linkage	GS-III Economy & credit ratings; Prelims — sovereign ratings
Context	The Japan Credit Rating Agency (JCR) upgraded India's sovereign rating from BBB+ to 'A-', citing improved creditworthiness.
Key Facts	■ The upgrade was announced on 2 September 2026 ■ An 'A-' rating signals a stronger assessed ability to repay sovereign debt ■ It follows a broader improvement in agencies' view of India's macro fundamentals
Way Fwd	Better ratings can lower overseas borrowing costs and help attract foreign capital.
Concept	Sovereign credit ratings assess a government's default risk; the three global majors are Moody's, S&P; and Fitch.

18th BRICS Summit to be hosted in New Delhi

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

Syllabus Linkage	GS-II Global groupings; Prelims — BRICS & NDB
Context	India is set to host the 18th BRICS Summit at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, on 12-13 September 2026.
Key Facts	■ BRICS groups Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa, plus newer members ■ Bharat Mandapam also hosted the 2023 G20 Summit ■ Focus areas include trade, the de-dollarisation debate and Global South priorities
Way Fwd	Hosting lets India shape a Global South agenda on finance, technology and reform of multilateral institutions.
Concept	BRICS runs the New Development Bank (HQ Shanghai) and a Contingent Reserve Arrangement (CRA).

Defence Acquisition Council procurement mix (indicative)



RBI liquidity operations

₹11.6 lakh cr

peak banking-system surplus

₹6 lakh cr

drained via VRRR auctions

5.25%

repo rate held (neutral stance)

National economy — quick snapshot

7.8%

Q1 FY27 GDP growth

A-

Japan CRA rating
(up from BBB+)

₹35,000 cr

Western DFC sections
dedicated

5.25%

RBI repo rate

SECTION D • PRELIMS RAPID-FIRE

1. International Literacy Day is observed on 8 September (UNESCO)	2. India's Q1 FY27 GDP growth came in at 7.8% (NSO)
3. PM-KISAN extended to 2030-31; ₹6,000 a year to farmers	4. ISRO launched the EOS-05 earth-observation satellite via GSLV (4 Sep)
5. East Bengal FC won ISL 2025-26, ending a 22-year title drought	6. Semicon India Programme 2.0 notified with a ₹1.27 lakh crore outlay

SECTION E • PRACTICE CORNER

Q1. Kuno National Park, associated with Project Cheetah, is located in which state?

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. Gujarat
- D. Maharashtra

Ans: B — Kuno lies in Sheopur district of Madhya Pradesh; cheetahs were brought from Namibia and South Africa from 2022, and the range now extends to the Gandhi Sagar Sanctuary.

Q2. Consider: (1) The Variable Rate Reverse Repo (VRRR) is used by the RBI to absorb liquidity. (2) The RBI's repo rate currently stands at 5.25%. Which is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Ans: C — VRRR auctions mop up surplus liquidity from the banking system; the RBI has held the repo rate at 5.25% with a neutral stance.

Mains Practice. Madhya Pradesh's identity as the 'Tiger State' and the home of Project Cheetah gives it a distinctive role in India's conservation story. Discuss the ecological and socio-economic opportunities and challenges of MP's wildlife-tourism model. (250 words)

Hint: Cover tiger and cheetah numbers and reserves, PESA and tribal livelihoods, the state's forest cover, human-wildlife conflict, corridor protection, and eco-tourism benefit-sharing.

ONE-LINE REVISION: ₹41,000 cr MP Cabinet package • VB-G RAM G ₹29,619 cr • MP 785 tigers → 1,000+ target • GSDP ~₹18.48 lakh cr • DAC ₹1.10 lakh cr • RBI drains ₹6 lakh cr, repo 5.25% • JCR upgrades India to 'A-' • BRICS Summit New Delhi 12-13 Sep

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