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TODAY AT A GLANCE — 10 THINGS TO REMEMBER

1. MP to hold MPPSC exam twice a year; 2027 = 'Youth Year'
2. Ladli Behna extended to 2030; ₹1.14 lakh cr outlay
3. India's cheetahs reach 57; Gandhi Sagar = 2nd home
4. MP = Soybean State: ~45% of national output
5. Bonus for 21 lakh tendu-patta collectors
6. MP stays 'Tiger State': 785 tigers, 9 reserves
7. 57th GST Council clears business process reforms
8. RBI holds repo at 5.5%; inflation view eased
9. FAO Food Price Index at 136 — highest since Nov 2022
10. Living Planet Report: 73% wildlife decline since 1970

SECTION A — MADHYA PRADESH SPECIAL

MP to hold MPPSC exam TWICE a year; 2027 declared 'Youth Year'

MADHYA PRADESH

MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Governance)

Syllabus	Mains GS-II: Governance & education policy. Prelims: MP govt schemes, state civil-service recruitment.
Context	At the **CM Youth Conclave** in **Bhopal (6 Oct 2026)**, the MP government unveiled a youth roadmap and declared **2027 a 'Youth Year'**.
Key Facts	● **MPPSC** to hold a **special exam + the annual exam = 2 exams/year** from 2027 (MP claims a national first) ● **12 new general universities**, **12 medical colleges** & **12 skill universities** announced ● Research fellowship raised **₹16,000 → ₹25,000/month** + **₹1 crore** research fund ● **₹5 crore startup idea fund**; **AI & advanced-computing labs** in all govt colleges ● **1 lakh+ youth** under **Kaushal Unnayan**; Gaon ki Beti & Pratibha Kiran extended to PG
Way Fwd	Doubling exam cycles can cut the recruitment backlog if a fixed calendar and vacancy mapping are maintained.
Concept	State PSC under **Art. 315**; recruitment to state civil services; ties to skilling & **NEP 2020**.

Ladli Behna Yojana extended to 2030 with ₹1.14 lakh crore outlay

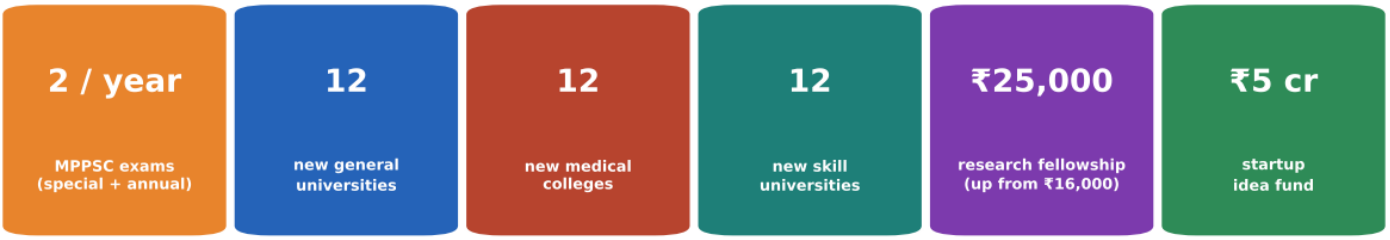
MADHYA PRADESH

MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Social Justice)

Syllabus	Mains GS-II: Welfare schemes for vulnerable sections. Prelims: DBT, flagship MP women's schemes.
Context	The MP Cabinet approved continuation of the **Mukhyamantri Ladli Behna Yojana**, extending the women's income-support scheme up to **2030**.
Key Facts	● **₹1.14 lakh crore** outlay approved (continued to **2030**) ● ~**1.27 crore** women beneficiaries; **₹1,500/month** via **DBT** ● Eligible age band **23–60 years** ● Complements **Ladli Laxmi**, **Gaon ki Beti** & Pratibha Kiran
Way Fwd	Long-term fiscal planning and leakage-free DBT are needed to sustain it without crowding out capital spending.
Concept	**Direct Benefit Transfer**; women's economic empowerment; the unconditional cash-transfer debate.

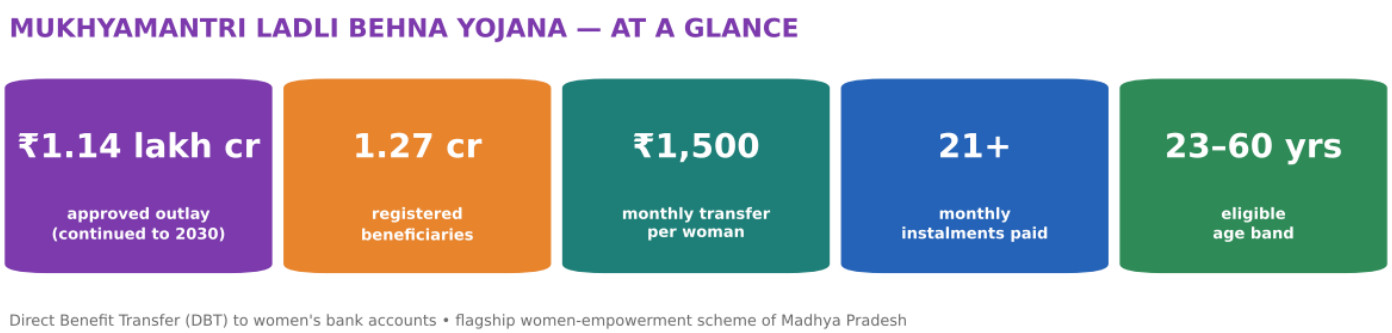
CM YOUTH CONCLAVE 2026 — KEY NUMBERS

Bhopal • 06 Oct 2026 • 'Youth Year 2027' roadmap



Also: AI & advanced-computing labs in all govt colleges • 1 lakh+ youth under Kaushal Unnayan • Gaon ki Beti extended to PG

MP CM Youth Conclave 2026 — key announcements



Ladli Behna Yojana — scheme snapshot

MP stays India's 'Tiger State' with the largest forest cover

ENVIRONMENT

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

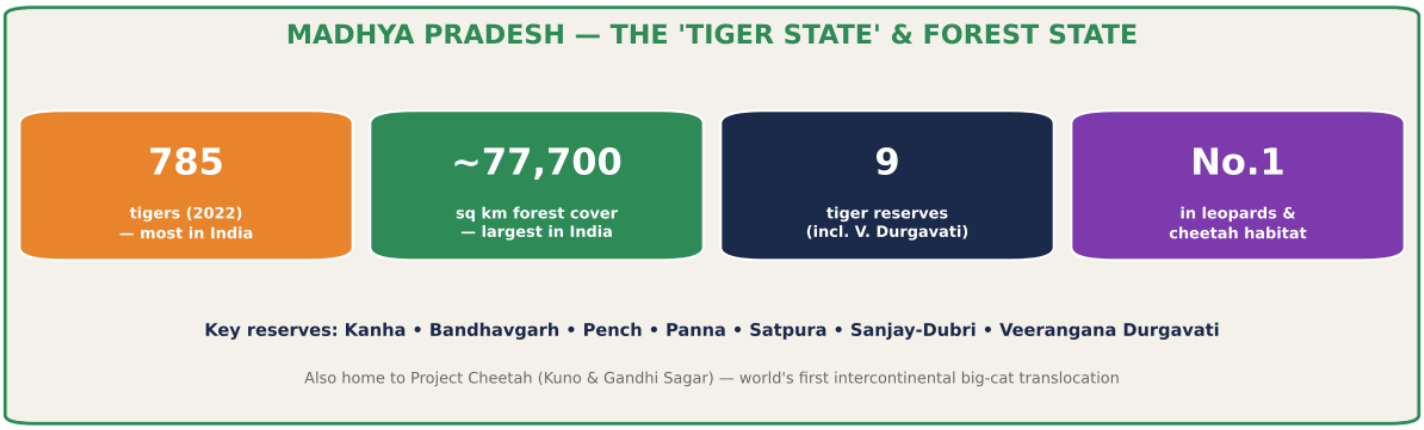
Syllabus	Mains GS-III: Biodiversity; GS-I: geography. Prelims: tiger reserves, forest cover data.
Context	Madhya Pradesh retains its status as India's **'Tiger State'** and the state with the **largest forest cover**, anchoring central India's conservation landscape.
Key Facts	● **785 tigers (2022)** — highest of any state; also No.1 in **leopards** ● **~77,700 sq km forest cover** — largest in India ● **9 tiger reserves** incl. **Veerangana Durgavati** (2023) ● Reserves: Kanha, Bandhavgarh, Pench, Panna, Satpura, Sanjay-Dubri
Way Fwd	Human-wildlife conflict mitigation and eco-tourism revenue-sharing sustain community support.
Concept	**Project Tiger (1973)**; **NTCA**; biosphere reserves (Panna, Pachmarhi, Amarkantak).

India's cheetahs reach 57; Gandhi Sagar emerges as 2nd home

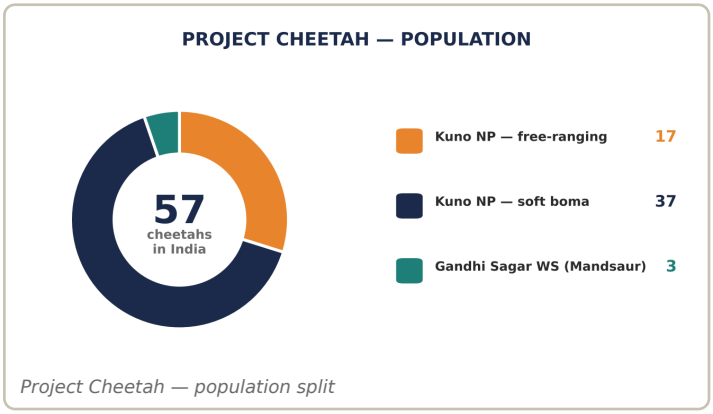
ENVIRONMENT

MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (Environment)

Syllabus	Mains GS-III: Conservation & species reintroduction. Prelims: Kuno, Gandhi Sagar, Project Cheetah.
Context	Under **Project Cheetah**, India's cheetah count reached **57**, with **Gandhi Sagar WS (Mandsaur, MP)** developed as the **second** cheetah home alongside **Kuno NP**.
Key Facts	● **57 cheetahs** in India; **Kuno NP ~54** (17 free-ranging + 37 in soft bomas) ● **Gandhi Sagar WS** (Mandsaur) now holds **3** cheetahs ● **9 cheetahs (6F/3M)** arrived from **Botswana in Feb 2026** ● World's **first intercontinental big-cat translocation** (since Sept 2022)
Way Fwd	Prey-base augmentation, corridor connectivity and disease monitoring are key to a self-sustaining metapopulation.
Concept	In-situ conservation; IUCN reintroduction norms; MP = **Tiger State & Cheetah State**.



MP — the Tiger State & Forest State fact sheet



Project Cheetah — population split

Bonus for 21 lakh tendu-patta collectors; tribal welfare push

SOCIETY

MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Tribal / Social Justice)

Syllabus	Mains GS-II: Tribal welfare, PESA, MFP. Prelims: tendu leaf, PESA, Forest Rights Act.
Context	MP announced a **bonus for tendu-leaf collectors** and a development package for tribal-majority **Mandla**, strengthening forest-based livelihoods.
Key Facts	● Bonus for ~**21 lakh tendu-patta collectors** ● **₹460 crore+** development works for **Mandla** district ● MP has India's **largest tribal (ST) population** ● **PESA** implemented via **MP PESA Rules 2022**; tendu = key **MFP**
Way Fwd	Value-addition and MFP cooperatives can raise tribal incomes beyond seasonal collection.
Concept	**PESA 1996** & 5th Schedule; Minor Forest Produce MSP; **Forest Rights Act 2006**.

MP, the 'Soybean State', backs farmers with MSP + Bhavantar

MADHYA PRADESH

MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (Agriculture)

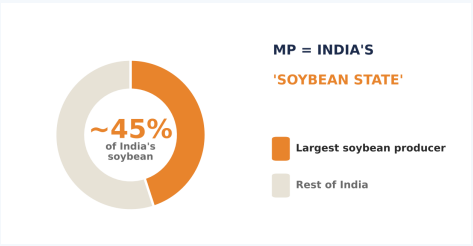
Syllabus	Mains GS-III: Agriculture, MSP, food economy. Prelims: MP crops, GI tags, price-support schemes.
Context	As India moves to procure **soybean at MSP** amid a price crash, MP — the **'Soybean State'** — continues MSP procurement backed by the **Bhavantar Bhugtan Yojana**.
Key Facts	● MP produces ~**45%** of India's soybean (largest producer) ● Record **wheat procurement** at MSP (**₹2,625/quintal** incl. bonus) ● **Sharbati wheat** & **Chinnor rice** carry **GI tags** ● **Bhavantar** pays the gap between MSP & market price
Way Fwd	Crop diversification and oilseed self-sufficiency reduce edible-oil imports and price shocks.
Concept	MSP & price-deficiency payments; **GI tags**; India's edible-oil import dependence.

SECTION B — DATA POINT OF THE DAY

~45%

MP's share of India's soybean output

Data point of the day. Madhya Pradesh is India's largest soybean producer — the 'Soybean State' — aided by its black-cotton soil and the Narmada valley.



SECTION C — NATIONAL & WORLD

57th GST Council clears business process reforms

ECONOMY

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

Syllabus	Mains GS-III: Indirect taxes, fiscal federalism. Prelims: GST Council, Art. 279A.
Context	The **57th GST Council** met at **Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi (8 Oct 2026)**, taking up major process reforms for businesses.
Key Facts	● Faster **ITC refunds** for the inverted duty structure ● GST Council = **Art. 279A** (101st Amendment, 2016), chaired by **Union FM** ● Decisions need **3/4 weighted votes** (Centre 1/3, States 2/3) ● Recommendations are **persuasive, not binding** (Mohit Minerals, 2022)
Way Fwd	Rate rationalisation and a working GSTAT can deepen the 'One Nation One Tax' gains.
Concept	Cooperative fiscal federalism; **IGST** (Art. 269A); zero-rated vs exempt supply.

RBI holds repo rate at 5.5%; inflation view eased

ECONOMY

MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (Economy)

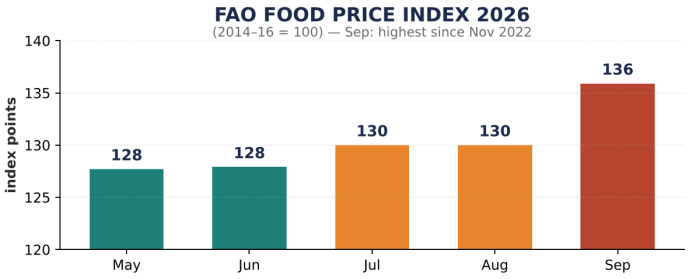
Syllabus	Mains GS-III: Monetary policy, inflation. Prelims: repo rate, MPC, inflation targeting.
Context	The **RBI's Monetary Policy Committee** kept the **repo rate at 5.5%** while trimming its inflation forecast, shifting focus to supply-side management.
Key Facts	● **Repo rate held at 5.5%** ● Flexible inflation target **4% ±2%** (CPI), under **Sec 45ZA**, RBI Act ● **MPC = 6 members** (3 RBI + 3 government-nominated) ● 'Failure' = CPI outside **2–6%** for **3 straight quarters** (Sec 45ZN)
Way Fwd	Supply-side tools (buffer stocks, OMSS, PSF) must complement rate policy to anchor food inflation.
Concept	**Flexible Inflation Targeting** (2016); OMSS & Price Stabilisation Fund; Essential Commodities Act.

FAO Food Price Index climbs to 136 — a near-4-year high

REPORT

MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (Economy / Agriculture)

Syllabus	Mains GS-III: Food economy, global prices. Prelims: FAO, index base year, sub-indices.
Context	The **FAO Food Price Index** for **September 2026** averaged **136 points** — its highest since **November 2022** — led by vegetable oils.
Key Facts	● Index **136** (**2014–16 = 100**) ● **Vegetable-oil** sub-index at **198.6** ● Five sub-indices: cereals, veg oils, dairy, meat, sugar ● **FAO** headquartered in **Rome**; signals imported food-inflation pressure
Way Fwd	Higher biofuel blending abroad (Indonesia **B50**) tightens veg-oil supply — India must boost domestic oilseeds.
Concept	**FAO**; terms of trade in agri-commodities; imported-inflation pass-through.



FAO Food Price Index 2026 (May–Sep)

Living Planet Report 2026: 73% wildlife decline since 1970

ENVIRONMENT

MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (Environment)

Syllabus	Mains GS-III: Biodiversity loss. Prelims: Living Planet Index, WWF, ZSL.
Context	**WWF's Living Planet Report 2026** flags a steep fall in monitored wildlife populations, underscoring the biodiversity crisis.
Key Facts	● **Living Planet Index**: **73%** average decline in monitored vertebrate populations (**1970–2022**) ● Based on **35,803 populations** of **5,790 species** ● **Freshwater** populations fell **85%** ● Published biennially by **WWF** with the **Zoological Society of London (ZSL)**
Way Fwd	Nature-positive targets (Kunming-Montreal GBF '30x30') and freshwater restoration are critical this decade.
Concept	**Living Planet Index**; Global Biodiversity Framework; **IPBES**.

Indian Coast Guard conducts SAREX-2026 off Paradip

DEFENCE

MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (Security / Disaster Mgmt)

Syllabus	Mains GS-III: Maritime security & disaster management. Prelims: ICG, MRCC, SAR.
Context	The **Indian Coast Guard** conducted **SAREX-2026**, its **12th** national search-and-rescue exercise, off **Paradip (Odisha)**.
Key Facts	● **SAREX-2026** = **12th National Maritime SAR Exercise** ● ICG constituted under the **Coast Guard Act, 1978** (Ministry of Defence) ● Maritime Rescue Coordination Centres: **Mumbai, Chennai, Port Blair** ● Tests multi-agency search-and-rescue readiness
Way Fwd	Stronger SAR coordination boosts India's role as a **net security provider** in the Indian Ocean Region.
Concept	**SAR Convention, 1979**; ICG mandate; blue-economy security.

SECTION D — PRELIMS RAPID-FIRE

Q1. Gandhi Sagar WS is in which MP district? → **Mandsaur**

Q2. FAO Food Price Index base period? → **2014–16 = 100**

Q3. GST Council is under which Article? → **Art. 279A**

Q4. MP's research fellowship raised to? → **₹25,000/month**

Q5. Botswana cheetahs reached Kuno in? → **February 2026**

Q6. RBI's flexible inflation target band? → **4% ± 2% (CPI)**

SECTION E — PRACTICE CORNER

Q1. With reference to **Project Cheetah**, consider the following:
1. Gandhi Sagar WS, the second cheetah site, is in Rajasthan.
2. Cheetahs were brought from Botswana in 2026.
3. Kuno National Park is in Madhya Pradesh.
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: B. Gandhi Sagar WS is in **Mandsaur, Madhya Pradesh** (not Rajasthan). Botswana cheetahs arrived **Feb 2026**; Kuno NP is in MP (Sheopur). Hence 2 and 3 only.

Q2. With reference to the **GST Council**, consider the following:
1. It is established under Article 279A.
2. It is chaired by the RBI Governor.
3. Its recommendations are binding on states.
Which is/are correct?

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

Ans: A. It is a constitutional body under **Art. 279A** (correct). It is chaired by the **Union Finance Minister**, not the RBI Governor, and its recommendations are **persuasive, not binding** (Mohit Minerals, 2022).

Mains Practice: Madhya Pradesh has leveraged its natural endowments to become India's 'Tiger State' and 'Soybean State'. Discuss how conservation and agriculture together shape the state's development model.

Hint: Link Project Tiger/Cheetah, forest cover and PESA/MFP tribal economy with soybean/wheat MSP & Bhavantar; weigh ecology vs livelihoods and suggest a balanced path.

★ **ONE-LINE REVISION:** Remember today: MPPSC 2×/year + Youth Year 2027 • Cheetahs 57 (Gandhi Sagar 2nd home) • Ladli Behna to 2030 (₹1.14 lakh cr) • 57th GST Council • RBI repo 5.5% • FAO index 136.

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