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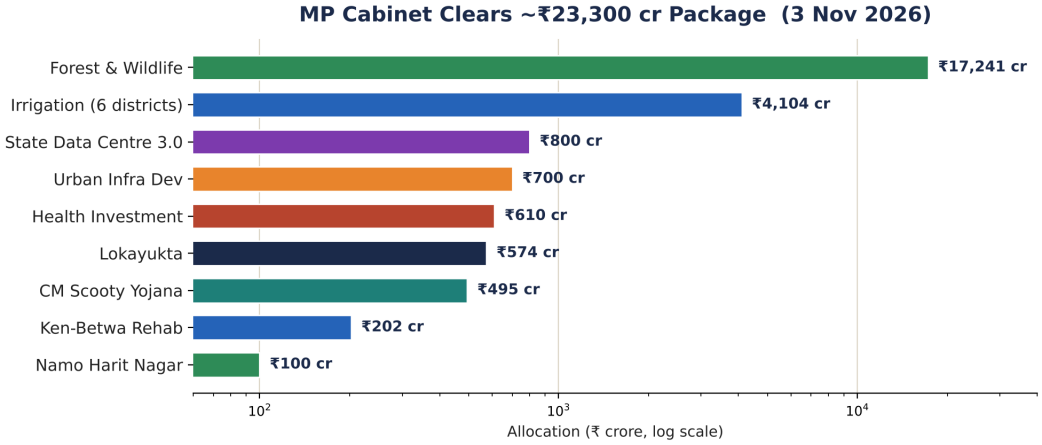
TODAY AT A GLANCE — 10 THINGS TO REMEMBER

- MP Cabinet approves ~Rs 23,300 cr package; Rs 17,240 cr for forests & wildlife.
- CM Scooty Yojana continued with Rs 495 cr till 2030-31 for school toppers.
- Gopal-Krishna Gram Puraskar: top dairy farmers honoured on Govardhan Puja.
- Rs 65 cr grant released to 3,000+ registered gaushalas (~5.51 lakh cattle).
- Mukhyamantri Registry Yojana: 74,791 free rural registrations done in Ujjain.
- Project Cheetah hits 60 cheetahs at Kuno; 41 born on Indian soil.
- RBI repo rate at 5.50% after a 25-bps hike on 7 Oct 2026.
- DRDO demonstrates secure quantum key distribution over a 150-km link.
- Nilgiri Tahr Conservation Reserve notified in the Western Ghats.
- National Legal Services Day observed; NALSA marks access to justice.

SECTION A • MADHYA PRADESH SPECIAL



MP Cabinet package (2026-31): allocation by scheme.

MP Cabinet clears ~Rs 23,300 crore omnibus package

MADHYA PRADESH | **MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Governance) & GS-III (Economy)**

Syllabus	MPPSC Mains GS-II (state policy & governance) and GS-III (budgeting, forests); Prelims: MP schemes & state finances.
Context	The Mohan Yadav Cabinet approved a cluster of multi-year schemes worth about Rs 23,300 crore, front-loaded by a very large forest-and-wildlife outlay and irrigation continuity for six districts.
Key Facts	● **Rs 17,240.55 cr** for **nine forest & wildlife schemes** (2026-31), incl. **Rs 1,623 cr** for national parks. ● **Rs 4,103.73 cr** for irrigation projects in **Panna, Vidisha, Mauganj, Sidhi, Singrauli, Ujjain**. ● **Rs 800 cr** for **State Data Centre 3.0**; **Rs 700 cr** for CM Urban Infra Development. ● **Rs 610.51 cr** health-investment promotion; **Rs 573.85 cr** for the **Lokayukta** (2026-31). ● Museum post sanctioned for the **Raja Shankar Shah–Kunwar Raghunath Shah Tribal Freedom Fighters Museum**, Jabalpur.
Way Fwd	Multi-year (2026-31) allocations give departments spending certainty, but outcome audits will decide whether the forest outlay strengthens the 'Tiger State' tag.
Concept	Static link: the **State Cabinet** (Council of Ministers under **Art. 163-164**) is collectively responsible to the **Vidhan Sabha**; MP has a **unicameral** legislature.

CM Scooty Yojana continued with Rs 495 crore for school toppers

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

Syllabus	MPPSC Mains GS-II (education, welfare of students, tribal affairs); Prelims: MP flagship schemes.
Context	The Cabinet extended the **Mukhyamantri Scooty Yojana** through 2026-27 to 2030-31, rewarding the highest-ranking students of government higher-secondary schools.
Key Facts	● Allocation of **Rs 495 crore** over five years (2026-31). ● Covers **School Education** and **Tribal Affairs** department schools. ● Eligibility: **first-rank**, regular students who cleared in the **first attempt** with **70%+**. ● Beneficiaries (girls and boys) receive a **scooty** to aid college access.
Way Fwd	Mobility support can cut dropout at the school-to-college transition, especially for girls and tribal students in MP's dispersed rural geography.
Concept	Links to **DPSP Art. 45/46** (education & weaker sections) and the Prelims theme of MP's human-development and literacy indicators.

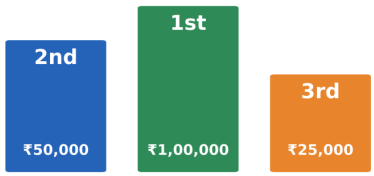
Gopal-Krishna Gram Puraskar: dairy farmers honoured on Govardhan Puja

MADHYA PRADESH | MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (Agriculture & Animal Husbandry)

Syllabus	MPPSC Mains GS-III (animal husbandry, rural economy, DBT); Prelims: MP schemes, cooperatives (Sanchi).
Context	On **Govardhan Puja (9 Nov 2026)**, CM Mohan Yadav felicitated top dairy farmers at Ravindra Bhawan, Bhopal, under the **Gopal-Krishna Gram Puraskar Yojana**, with parallel events in district HQs.
Key Facts	● Cash prizes via **DBT**: **Rs 1 lakh / Rs 50,000 / Rs 25,000** for top three farmers. ● Winners selected on **cow milk yield** across **208 Vrindavan Gram** villages (27-31 Oct). ● **Rs 65 crore** grant to **3,000+ registered gaushalas** supporting **~5.51 lakh cattle**. ● Aimed at promoting **indigenous breeds** and cattle conservation.
Way Fwd	Yield-linked incentives plus gaushala funding can lift the share of improved indigenous breeds and support the Sanchi dairy value chain.
Concept	Ties to the **White Revolution**, **DBT** architecture and MP's milk-cooperative structure (**Sanchi** / MP State Dairy Federation).

Gopal-Krishna Gram Puraskar

Dairy farmer prizes (DBT) • Govardhan Puja



+ ₹65 cr grant to 3,000+ gaushalas

Dairy-farmer prizes & gaushala grant.

Mukhyamantri Registry Yojana: free rural property deeds roll out

MADHYA PRADESH | MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Governance & Land Rights)

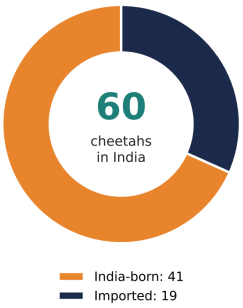
Syllabus	MPPSC Mains GS-II (land governance, e-governance, PESA); Prelims: MP land-record reforms, SVAMITVA.
Context	During a visit to **Dhediya (Ujjain)**, the CM showcased the **Mukhyamantri Registry (Swamitva Panjiyan) Yojana**, which gives rural leaseholders free registration of their property, alongside a panchayat-owned marriage garden.
Key Facts	● State corpus of **Rs 10,000 crore**; **free registration** for eligible rural holders. ● **74,791** registrations completed in **Ujjain** district (2nd in MP). ● Target: **50-70 lakh** eligible rural leaseholders across MP. ● Ujjain's **Dhediya** opened MP's first **gram-panchayat-owned marriage garden** (~Rs 2.2 cr).
Way Fwd	Clear rural titles unlock credit and cut disputes; convergence with the central **SVAMITVA** drone-survey scheme can speed coverage.
Concept	Builds on **SVAMITVA** (record of rights for village abadi) and Panchayati Raj (**Part IX, Art. 243**) empowerment.

Project Cheetah reaches 60 cheetahs at Kuno

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

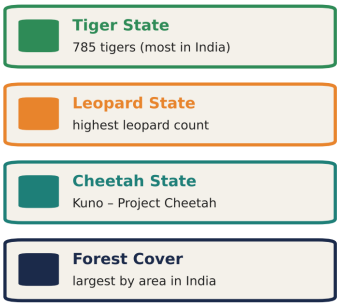
Syllabus	MPPSC Mains GS-III (conservation, species reintroduction); Prelims: Kuno, Gandhi Sagar, MP's wildlife tags.
Context	India's cheetah count reached **60** after new litters at **Kuno National Park**, reinforcing MP's billing as the country's 'Cheetah State'.
Key Facts	● **60 cheetahs** in India; **41 born on Indian soil**. ● **Nine cheetahs** were translocated from **Botswana** in Feb 2026. ● Second home developed at **Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary** (Mandsaur/Neemuch). ● MP is also the **Tiger**, **Leopard** and largest **forest-cover** state.
Way Fwd	Sustaining a wild, self-reproducing population needs expanded prey base and a larger landscape (Kuno + Gandhi Sagar corridor) to lower density stress.
Concept	**Project Cheetah** is the world's first **inter-continental large-carnivore translocation**; the cheetah is the only large mammal declared extinct in India (1952).

Project Cheetah – Kuno (MP)



Project Cheetah: population split.

MP: Wildlife & Forest Superlatives



MP's wildlife & forest superlatives.

Madhya Pradesh – Flagship Scheme Snapshot

₹1,500	₹495 cr	₹10,000 cr	₹65 cr	₹100 cr
Ladli Behna	CM Scooty	Registry Yojana	Gaushala Grant	Namo Harit
~1.25 cr women / mo	toppers, 70%+	free rural deeds	3,000+ gaushalas	65 urban forests

Madhya Pradesh flagship scheme snapshot.

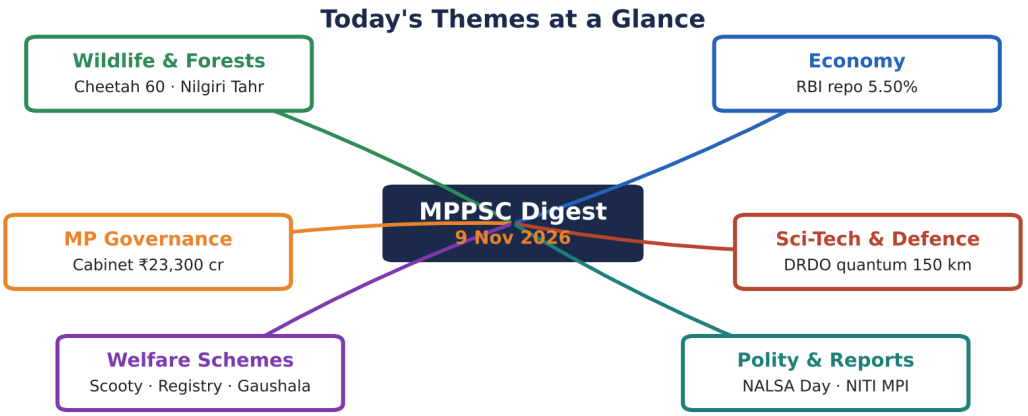
SECTION B • DATA POINT OF THE DAY

Rs 17,240.55 crore

MP Forest & Wildlife Outlay (2026-31)

Cleared in the Cabinet package for nine schemes — national parks, afforestation, zoos and working plans — underlining MP's standing as the Tiger, Leopard and Cheetah State with the country's largest forest cover.

SECTION C • NATIONAL & WORLD



Today's themes — Madhya Pradesh & national.

RBI repo rate at 5.50% after first hike since 2023

ECONOMY — **MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (Economy & Monetary Policy)**

Syllabus	MPPSC Mains GS-III (monetary policy, inflation); Prelims: RBI, MPC, policy rates.
Context	The **repo rate** stands at **5.50%** after the **MPC** raised it by **25 bps** on **7 October 2026** — the first increase since February 2023 — to anchor firming inflation.
Key Facts	● **Repo rate: 5.50%** (hiked from 5.25%); Governor **Sanjay Malhotra** chairs the MPC. ● **CPI inflation 4.8%** in Aug 2026; FY27 CPI projection **5.2%**. ● **Real GDP** growth **7.8%** in Apr-Jun 2026; FY27 forecast raised to **7.1%**. ● The **MPC** has **six members** and meets bi-monthly.
Way Fwd	A data-dependent stance balances growth momentum against price risks; transmission to lending rates will shape credit and demand.
Concept	**Repo** = rate at which RBI lends to banks against securities; the **MPC** (under the RBI Act, 2016 amendment) targets **CPI 4% ±2%**.

RBI – Key Macro Numbers

first repo hike since Feb 2023

5.50%	Repo Rate — +25 bps • 7 Oct'26
4.8%	CPI Inflation — Aug 2026
7.1%	Real GDP — FY27 forecast

RBI key macro numbers.

DRDO demonstrates 150-km quantum key distribution link

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

Syllabus	MPPSC Mains GS-III (frontier tech, cyber security); Prelims: quantum communication, DRDO.
Context	DRDO demonstrated secure **Quantum Key Distribution (QKD)** over a **150-km** field link, a step toward hack-resistant strategic communications.
Key Facts	● **QKD** uses principles of **quantum mechanics** to detect any eavesdropping. ● Field-trial distance of **150 km**, among India's longest. ● Strengthens **secure military and government** communication. ● Aligns with the **National Quantum Mission** (approved 2023).
Way Fwd	Scaling QKD to a national backbone and satellite-based links would make India's critical networks quantum-safe ahead of quantum-computing threats.
Concept	QKD rests on the **no-cloning theorem** and **Heisenberg's uncertainty principle**; measuring a quantum state disturbs it, revealing interception.

Nilgiri Tahr Conservation Reserve notified in Western Ghats

ENVIRONMENT MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (Biodiversity & Conservation)

Syllabus	MPPSC Mains GS-III (ecology, protected areas); Prelims: endemic species, Western Ghats.
Context	A new **Nilgiri Tahr Conservation Reserve** was notified in the **Western Ghats** to protect endemic montane **shola-grassland** habitats.
Key Facts	● Protects the **Nilgiri Tahr** (**Nilgiritragus hylocrius**), the only mountain ungulate in south India. ● The species is the **state animal of Tamil Nadu**. ● IUCN status: **Endangered**; habitat is high-altitude shola-grassland. ● The **Western Ghats** is a global **biodiversity hotspot**.
Way Fwd	Reserve status plus the ongoing Tahr census can stabilise fragmented herds and curb habitat loss from invasive species and tea estates.
Concept	A **Conservation Reserve** (WLPA 1972, 2002 amendment) is state-owned land buffering protected areas, governed with a **Conservation Reserve Management Committee**.

National Legal Services Day marks access to justice

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

Syllabus	MPPSC Mains GS-II (judiciary, legal aid, rights); Prelims: NALSA, Art. 39A, important days.
Context	**9 November** is observed as **National Legal Services Day**, marking the commencement of the **Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987** and free legal aid for the needy.
Key Facts	● **NALSA** was constituted under the **Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987**. ● The Act came into force on **9 November 1995**. ● **Art. 39A** directs the State to ensure **free legal aid** and equal justice. ● **Lok Adalats** provide speedy, cost-free dispute settlement.
Way Fwd	Expanding tele-law and para-legal volunteers can bridge the gap between legal entitlements and their delivery in rural MP and beyond.
Concept	The **Chief Justice of India** is NALSA's **Patron-in-Chief**; a parallel structure runs via State (**SLSA**) and District (**DLSA**) authorities.

ADB loan to fund climate-resilient coastal urban infrastructure

IR MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (IR) & GS-III (Economy/Environment)

Syllabus	MPPSC Mains GS-II (international institutions) & GS-III (urban resilience); Prelims: ADB.
Context	The **Asian Development Bank** sanctioned a loan for **climate-resilient urban infrastructure** in Indian coastal cities, covering stormwater drainage and coastal protection.
Key Facts	● Funds **stormwater drainage** and **coastal protection** works. ● **ADB** is headquartered in **Manila, Philippines** (est. **1966**). ● India is a **founding member** and among ADB's largest borrowers. ● Supports climate-adaptation goals under India's updated **NDCs**.
Way Fwd	Blending multilateral finance with municipal reform can make coastal cities flood-resilient; similar models can aid inland river-flood cities too.
Concept	**ADB** is a regional **multilateral development bank**; its weighted voting differs from the UN's one-nation-one-vote model.

SECTION D • PRELIMS RAPID-FIRE

Soybean State: Madhya Pradesh is India's largest soybean producer.	**Narmada** is MP's longest and lifeline river; it flows **east to west**.
Sharbati wheat of the **Sehore–Vidisha** belt carries a **GI tag**.	**Simhastha Kumbh** is held at **Ujjain** on the banks of the **Shipra**.
Bhimbetka rock shelters (UNESCO) show prehistoric art; near **Raisen**.	**Rewa** hosts one of India's largest solar parks; MP leads on solar capacity.

SECTION E • PRACTICE CORNER

Q1. Consider the following about Project Cheetah:
1. Kuno National Park lies in Madhya Pradesh.
2. The cheetah was declared extinct in India in 1952.
3. Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary is being developed as a second cheetah home.
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: (D) — All three are correct. Kuno is in MP (Sheopur district), the cheetah was declared extinct in India in 1952, and Gandhi Sagar is the designated second home.

Q2. With reference to the Reserve Bank of India's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), which statement is correct?

(A) The MPC has four members **(B)** The MPC targets CPI inflation of 4% within a band of +/- 2% **(C)** The Finance Minister chairs the MPC **(D)** The repo rate is the rate at which banks lend to the RBI

Ans: (B) — The MPC targets CPI inflation at 4% (+/-2%). It has six members, is chaired by the RBI Governor, and the repo rate is the rate at which the RBI lends to banks.

Mains Practice. "Madhya Pradesh's conservation achievements — Tiger, Leopard and now Cheetah State — must translate into ecological security and livelihoods, not just status tags." Discuss.

Hint: Cover Project Cheetah & tiger reserves (Kanha, Bandhavgarh, Pench, Panna, Satpura), forest-cover data, eco-tourism jobs, human-wildlife conflict, PESA/tribal rights and the Rs 17,240 cr forest outlay.

REVISION BOX: Remember today: MP Cabinet ~Rs 23,300 cr (forests Rs 17,240 cr) | CM Scooty Rs 495 cr | Gaushala grant Rs 65 cr | Registry Yojana Rs 10,000 cr | Kuno cheetahs 60 | RBI repo 5.50% | DRDO QKD 150 km | NALSA Day (9 Nov).

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