

TODAY AT A GLANCE — 10 THINGS TO REMEMBER

- MP Cabinet clears NAMAN Mission to conserve & rejuvenate the Narmada river
- ₹1.46 lakh crore MP welfare package approved for 2026–31 (Ladli Behna, health, agri)
- Ladli Behna Yojana: 40th installment of ₹1,500 to reach 1.27 crore women
- MP Cabinet's ₹41,000 cr package: 3 new tech universities, dairy push, moong procurement up
- Project Cheetah crosses 57 cheetahs; 4th anniversary falls on 17 September
- MP High Court (Jabalpur) reaffirms the 50% reservation ceiling
- PM dedicates Western Dedicated Freight Corridor sections — transit cut to ~14 hours
- RBI sells ~\$8 bn to defend the rupee; forex reserves near \$694 bn
- MSP for Kharif 2026–27 raised; soybean up ~7% — key for MP farmers
- ORV Sagar Manthan launched for the Deep Ocean Mission

SECTION A • MADHYA PRADESH SPECIAL

NAMAN Mission approved to rejuvenate the Narmada; ₹1.46 lakh cr welfare outlay

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

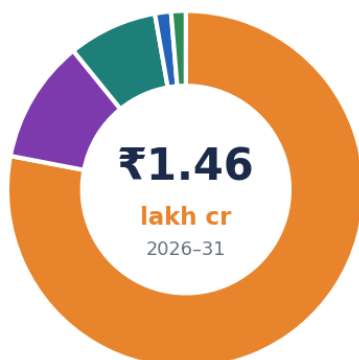
Syllabus Linkage	MPPSC Mains GS-III (river conservation, ecology) & GS-II (welfare governance). Prelims: Narmada basin, MP schemes.
Context	The MP Cabinet approved the Nirmal Evam Aviral Maa Narmada (NAMAN) Mission for conservation, rejuvenation and sustainable management of the Narmada , and sanctioned a five-year welfare and development outlay of over ₹1.46 lakh crore for 2026–31.
Key Facts	■ NAMAN Mission = Nirmal Evam Aviral Maa Narmada; targets pollution control, afforestation & flow security of the Narmada. ■ The Narmada is MP's lifeline — India's largest west-flowing river, rising at Amarkantak (Anuppur). ■ Welfare package: Ladli Behna ₹1,14,365 cr, Ladli Laxmi ₹16,326 cr, health ₹11,835 cr, PMMVY ₹2,138 cr. ■ Outlay period: 2026–27 to 2030–31 (five years).
Way Fwd	Ties MP's ecological security to welfare spending; watch for a dedicated Narmada river-basin authority and measurable water-quality targets.
Concept	Narmada flows through a rift valley between the Vindhya & Satpura ranges and drains into the Gulf of Khambhat (Arabian Sea).

₹41,000 cr Cabinet package: three new tech universities, dairy push, moong relief

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

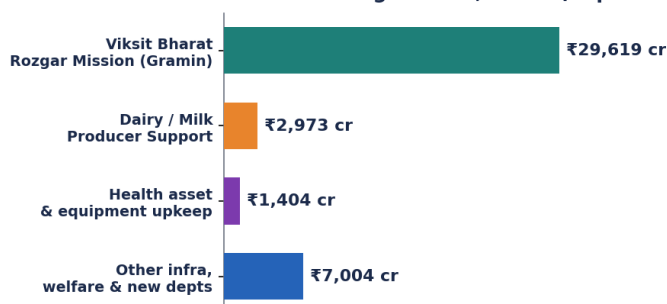
Syllabus Linkage	MPPSC Mains GS-III (state economy, agriculture) & GS-II (education governance). Prelims: MP institutions & schemes.
Context	An earlier September Cabinet cleared a ₹41,000 crore development package — new technology universities, dairy-sector support and higher farm procurement — anchoring MP's push on skills and rural incomes.
Key Facts	■ ₹29,619 cr for the Viksit Bharat – Rozgar & Aajeevika Mission (Gramin) (60:40 centre-state). ■ Three new tech universities at Bhopal, Ujjain and Jabalpur (easing load on RGPV, ~3.83 lakh students). ■ About ₹2,973 cr for milk producers; ₹1,547 cr to expand dairy processing. ■ Summer moong procurement at MSP raised from 25% to 60% of production.
Way Fwd	Skills-plus-agri model can lift MP's HDI; success hinges on faculty, industry linkage and timely MSP payments.
Concept	MSP is recommended by the CACP (Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices) and approved by the CCEA .

MP Welfare & Development Outlay (5-year)



- **Ladli Behna ₹114,365 cr (78%)**
- **Ladli Laxmi ₹16,326 cr (11%)**
- **Health sector ₹11,835 cr (8%)**
- **PMMVY ₹2,138 cr (1%)**
- **Other schemes ₹1,936 cr (1%)**

MP Cabinet Package — ₹41,000 cr (Sep 2026)



Ladli Behna Yojana: 40th installment of ₹1,500 to reach 1.27 crore women

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

Syllabus Linkage	MPPSC Mains GS-II (women empowerment, DBT). Prelims: MP flagship schemes & beneficiary numbers.
Context	MP's flagship Mukhyamantri Ladli Behna Yojana is set to release its 40th monthly installment of ₹1,500 via Direct Benefit Transfer to about 1.27 crore women.
Key Facts	- Monthly transfer stepped up from ₹1,000 towards a promised ₹3,000. - Eligibility age was lowered to 21-23 years; benefit via DBT to women's accounts. - Five-year outlay budgeted at ₹1,14,365 crore (largest single welfare head). - Companion scheme: Ladli Laxmi Yojana for the girl child.
Way Fwd	A large fiscal commitment; long-run sustainability depends on MP's revenue buoyancy and targeting accuracy.
Concept	DBT uses the JAM trinity (Jan Dhan - Aadhaar - Mobile) to cut leakages in welfare delivery.

Project Cheetah crosses 57 cheetahs; 4th anniversary on 17 September

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

Syllabus Linkage	MPPSC Mains GS-III (wildlife conservation, species reintroduction). Prelims: Kuno , MP protected areas.
Context	India's cheetah count has reached 57 , most of them at Kuno National Park in MP, as Project Cheetah nears its 4th anniversary on 17 September .
Key Facts	- Population: Kuno 54 (17 free-ranging, 37 in soft bomas) + Gandhi Sagar 3 = 57. - World's only intercontinental large-carnivore translocation; sources: Namibia, South Africa, Botswana. - Launched at Kuno on 17 Sep 2022; Gandhi Sagar (Neemuch-Mandsaur) is the second home. - MP is India's 'Tiger State' with the largest forest cover by area.
Way Fwd	Establishing a self-sustaining metapopulation across Kuno-Gandhi Sagar is the next milestone; prey base & corridors are key.
Concept	The cheetah (<i>Acinonyx jubatus</i>) is IUCN Vulnerable ; the Asiatic cheetah went extinct in India by 1952 .

Ladli Behna Yojana — At a Glance

₹1,500 per month	1.27 cr women covered	40th installment (Sep)	₹1.14L cr 5-yr outlay	23 yrs min. age lowered
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MP High Court reaffirms the 50% reservation ceiling

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

Syllabus Linkage	MPPSC Mains GS-II (reservation policy, judicial review). Prelims: Articles 15/16, landmark judgments.
Context	The MP High Court (Principal Bench, Jabalpur) directed the Chief Secretary to ensure the 50% reservation ceiling is not breached across departments amid the OBC quota dispute.
Key Facts	- Context: proposal to raise OBC reservation from 14% to 27%, which would cross 50%. - Court barred promoting more than 50% from reserved categories pending final decision. - Relied on the Supreme Court's Indra Sawhney (1992) ruling on the 50% cap. - Next hearing listed for 1 December; linked to pending Supreme Court matters.
Way Fwd	Final relief awaits the Supreme Court; states must reconcile social-justice goals with the constitutional ceiling.
Concept	Indra Sawhney v. Union of India (1992) capped reservations at 50% save 'extraordinary' situations, and barred quota in promotions (later modified).

Project Cheetah — India's Cheetah Population (2026)

57
cheetahs

Largest wild population
outside Africa

Kuno N.P.
54

17 free-ranging
37 in bomas

Gandhi Sagar
03

2nd home
(Neemuch-Mandsaur)

Source populations

Namibia 8 • 2022

S. Africa 12 • 2023

Botswana 9 • 2026

4th anniversary of Project Cheetah: 17 September 2026 • Launched at Kuno on 17 Sep 2022

SECTION B • DATA POINT OF THE DAY

**₹1,14,365
crore**

Ladli Behna Yojana — five-year outlay (2026-31) for ~1.27 crore women

The single largest head in MP's ₹1.46 lakh crore welfare package — a scale that shapes the state's fiscal choices.

SECTION C • NATIONAL & WORLD

PM dedicates Western Dedicated Freight Corridor; transit cut to ~14 hours

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

Syllabus Linkage	MPPSC Mains GS-III (infrastructure, logistics). Prelims: DFC route, logistics policy.
Context	The PM dedicated three completed sections of the Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (WDFC) at Vadodara, slashing freight transit and boosting logistics competitiveness.
Key Facts	- WDFC spans ~1,506 km from Dadri (UP) to JNPT (Maharashtra). - Freight transit cut from ~6 days to ~14 hours; speeds up from 25 to 100 km/h. - Newly dedicated stretch: ~326 route-km, costing ₹20,700+ crore. - Cabinet also cleared multi-tracking railway projects to decongest trunk routes.
Way Fwd	Lower logistics costs aid 'Make in India'; feeder connectivity and industrial corridors must follow.
Concept	India runs two DFCs — Western (freight to ports) and Eastern (coal/heavy haul) — under DFCCIL .

RBI acts to defend the rupee; forex reserves near \$694 billion

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

Syllabus Linkage	MPPSC Mains GS-III (monetary policy, external sector). Prelims: RBI functions, forex reserves.
Context	With the rupee under pressure from high crude prices and global risk-off flows, the RBI intervened by selling dollars while reserves stayed comfortable.
Key Facts	- RBI reportedly sold ~\$8 billion to support the rupee. - Forex reserves near \$694 billion — among the world's largest. - Rupee down ~4% year-on-year against the US dollar. - India-US bilateral trade is about \$200 billion (FY26).
Way Fwd	RBI's cushion allows managed volatility; durable stability needs a narrower current-account gap.
Concept	The RBI targets CPI inflation at 4% (±2%) under a flexible inflation-targeting framework; Governor Sanjay Malhotra .

MSP for Kharif 2026-27 raised; soybean up ~7% — key for MP

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

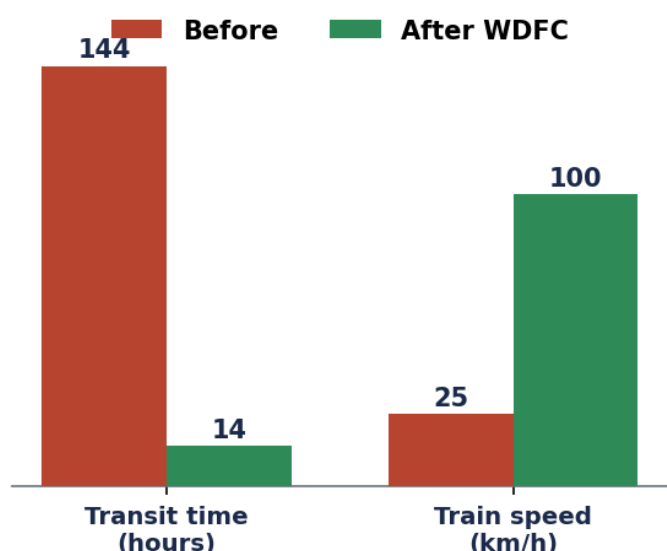
Syllabus Linkage	MPPSC Mains GS-III (agriculture, farm incomes). Prelims: MSP, CACP, MP cropping pattern.
Context	The Centre's revised Minimum Support Prices for the Kharif 2026-27 marketing season raised rates across crops, with soybean up notably — directly benefiting MP, the ' Soybean State '.
Key Facts	■ Soybean MSP raised ~7% to about ₹5,328/quintal. ■ MSP hikes cleared for 14 Kharif crops on a cost-plus formula. ■ MP leads India in soybean, gram (chana) and pulses output. ■ MP is also a top producer of wheat (incl. GI-tagged Sharbati).
Way Fwd	Assured procurement plus crop diversification can stabilise MP farm incomes against price shocks.
Concept	MSP aims to give farmers at least 1.5x the A2+FL cost of production for notified crops.

ORV Sagar Manthan launched for the Deep Ocean Mission

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

Syllabus Linkage	MPPSC Mains GS-III (S&T, blue economy). Prelims: Deep Ocean Mission, research vessels.
Context	India launched the ocean research vessel ORV Sagar Manthan at Kolkata to support the Deep Ocean Mission , boosting deep-sea research and the blue economy.
Key Facts	■ Built for the Ministry of Earth Sciences' Deep Ocean Mission (₹4,077 crore). ■ Capabilities: deep-sea research, polymetallic nodule exploration, biodiversity surveys. ■ To be operated by the NIOT (National Institute of Ocean Technology). ■ Complements the crewed submersible programme Samudrayaan / Matsya-6000.
Way Fwd	Strengthens India's push for deep-sea minerals and ocean observation ahead of a 'blue economy' policy.
Concept	Polymetallic nodules are potato-sized deposits rich in manganese, nickel, cobalt & copper on the ocean floor.

W. Dedicated Freight Corridor 1,506 km • Dadri-JNPT



RBI, Rupee & Reserves



India-US trade deal nears finalization

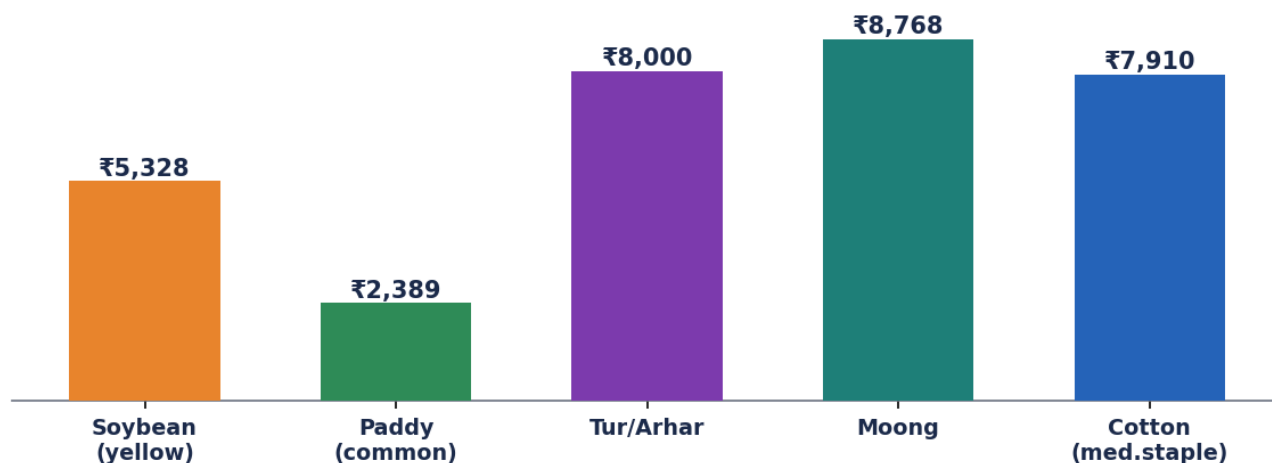
IR MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (International Relations)

Syllabus Linkage	MPPSC Mains GS-II (India & the world, trade diplomacy). Prelims: bilateral trade, key partners.
Context	India and the United States are reported to be closing in on a bilateral trade deal spanning goods and services, amid tariff and market-access negotiations.
Key Facts	■ Bilateral trade is around \$200 billion (FY26); the US is a top trade partner. ■ Key sectors: pharmaceuticals, agriculture, steel and digital services. ■ A deal could ease tariff frictions and expand market access. ■ Feeds into India's broader FTA strategy (UK, EU talks in progress).
Way Fwd	A balanced pact must protect farm interests while widening market access for Indian exporters.
Concept	A Free Trade Agreement (FTA) lowers tariffs/quotas between partners; deeper versions cover services, investment & IPR.

Rangpur-Sivasagar (Ahom) added to UNESCO Tentative List

SOCIETY MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-I (Art & Culture)

Syllabus Linkage	MPPSC Mains GS-I (Indian heritage, architecture). Prelims: UNESCO sites, regional dynasties.
Context	The Rangpur-Sivasagar Ahom-era architectural complex in Assam was added to India's UNESCO World Heritage Tentative List .
Key Facts	■ Key monuments: Rang Ghar (1746), Kareng Ghar (1752), Sivasagar Shivadol. ■ Ahom Kingdom (1228-1826) resisted repeated Mughal invasions. ■ India has 42 UNESCO World Heritage sites and 52 on the Tentative List. ■ MP's own World Heritage sites: Khajuraho, Sanchi, Bhimbetka.
Way Fwd	Tentative-list status is the first step; nomination dossiers and site management plans follow.
Concept	The World Heritage Convention (1972) is administered by UNESCO ; India ratified it in 1977 .

MSP for Kharif Crops 2026-27 (₹ per quintal) — Soybean +7% • MP = 'Soybean State'**SECTION D • PRELIMS RAPID-FIRE**

Q. World Suicide Prevention Day is observed on **10 September**; theme 'Changing the Narrative on Suicide'.

Q. Satwiksairaj & Chirag won the **China Masters Super 750** men's doubles badminton title.

Q. Asian Games 2026 at **Aichi-Nagoya (Japan)** open on **19 September**.

Q. Exercise Veer Guardian 2026 is the bilateral **India-Japan** air exercise.

Q. Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2026 (9th edition) runs through **September**; marks 10 years of PMMVY.

Q. MP's three new tech universities are at **Bhopal, Ujjain and Jabalpur**.

SECTION E • PRACTICE CORNER

Q1. With reference to the recently approved 'NAMAN Mission', consider the following statements:

1. It is aimed at the conservation and rejuvenation of the Narmada river.
2. The Narmada is India's largest east-flowing river.
3. The Narmada rises at Amarkantak in Madhya Pradesh.

(A) 1 and 2 only

(B) 1 and 3 only

(C) 2 and 3 only

(D) 1, 2 and 3

Ans: B. NAMAN (Nirmal Evam Aviral Maa Narmada) targets Narmada conservation (1 correct). The Narmada is a major **west-flowing** river, not east-flowing (2 wrong). It rises at **Amarkantak** (3 correct).

Q2. 'Kuno National Park' and 'Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary', in the news for Project Cheetah, are located in which state?

(A) Rajasthan

(B) Madhya Pradesh

(C) Gujarat

(D) Maharashtra

Ans: B. Both **Kuno** and **Gandhi Sagar** are in **Madhya Pradesh**; they anchor Project Cheetah, launched at Kuno on 17 Sep 2022.

Mains Practice: "Madhya Pradesh's welfare architecture increasingly rests on large direct-benefit schemes like Ladli Behna." Examine the fiscal sustainability and social-justice implications of this approach for the state. (250 words)

Hint — Cover: DBT design & targeting; scale (₹1.14 lakh cr outlay); revenue vs. committed expenditure; women's empowerment outcomes; trade-offs with capex; suggest a way forward.

ONE-LINE REVISION: Remember today: **NAMAN Mission (Narmada)** • ₹1.46 lakh cr MP welfare package • **Ladli Behna 40th installment (1.27 cr women)** • **Project Cheetah at 57** • **WDFC (~14 hrs)** • **Soybean MSP up ~7%**.

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