

TODAY AT A GLANCE — 10 THINGS TO REMEMBER

- MP Cabinet clears **₹41,000 cr** package; **VB-GRAM-G** replaces the MGNREGA model.
- Ladli Behna & Ladli Lakshmi schemes get a **5-year** extension.
- Yaatri Parivahan Vision Summit** opens in Indore (11-12 Sep).
- India's cheetah count rises to **53** with new cubs at **Kuno**.
- Gandhi Sagar Sanctuary** readied as cheetahs' second home.
- MP courts global investors at **AIM Congress 2026**, Dubai.
- Western Dedicated Freight Corridor** fully commissioned.
- Cabinet clears **8 rail multitracking** projects (**₹20,804 cr**).
- ORV Sagar Manthan** launched under the Deep Ocean Mission.
- Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2026** under way (9 Sep-8 Oct).

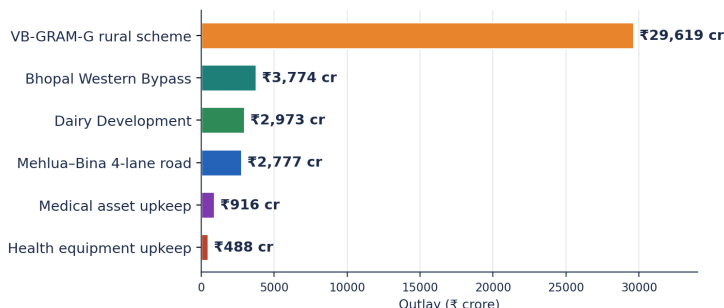
SECTION A • MADHYA PRADESH SPECIAL

MP Cabinet clears ₹41,000 cr package; VB-GRAM-G replaces MGNREGA model

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

Syllabus	GS-II governance & welfare; Prelims — MP state schemes, rural development.
Context	The Mohan Yadav cabinet approved proposals worth over ₹41,000 crore, headlined by a new rural-development scheme, road corridors and a technical-university revamp.
Key Facts	- New Viksit Bharat VB-GRAM-G rural scheme (state model replacing MGNREGA delivery) — outlay ₹29,619 crore; effective 1 July 2026. ₹3,183 crore earmarked for 2026-27; balance staggered up to 2030-31. Western Bhopal Bypass — 35.61 km four-lane, ₹3,225 crore (+₹548 cr pre-work). RGPV, Bhopal split into 3 technology/skill universities (Bhopal, Ujjain, Jabalpur). Moong procurement limit under Price Support Scheme raised 25% → 60%; dairy dev ₹2,973 cr.
Way Fwd	Anchors rural jobs and connectivity ahead of MP's investment push; wage-timeliness and delivery will decide impact.
Concept	MGNREGA (2005) guarantees 100 days' wage employment; states may run parallel schemes. PSS procures pulses/oilseeds at MSP .

MADHYA PRADESH CABINET — ₹41,000 cr PACKAGE: KEY ALLOCATIONS



Yaatri Parivahan Vision Summit 2026 opens in Indore

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

Syllabus	GS-III infrastructure & PPP; GS-II governance; Prelims — MP summits & schemes.
Context	CM Mohan Yadav inaugurates the two-day summit (11-12 Sep) at the Brilliant Convention Centre, Indore, to modernise public passenger transport.
Key Facts	- Rolls out CM Sugam Transport Service via MP Yatiri Parivahan & Infrastructure Ltd (MPYPIL). - Focus on PPP models, green/clean-fuel buses and integrated IT ticketing. - New MPYPIL logo, scheme booklet, a mobility startup hackathon and an industry expo. 8 sessions on safe, smart, pollution-free transport and financial sustainability. - Led by Transport Minister Uday Pratap Singh; major bus, IT and finance firms participate.
Way Fwd	PPP plus green mobility can plug rural last-mile gaps; fare viability and coverage are the key tests.
Concept	PPP shares risk between state and private operators; aligns with the EV push and clean-air goals.

CM SUGAM TRANSPORT SERVICE

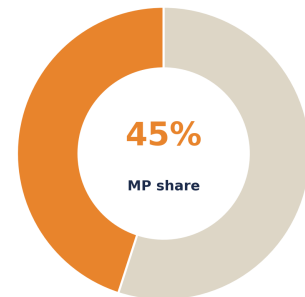
Yaatri Parivahan Vision Summit • Indore



MP woos global investors at AIM Congress 2026, Dubai**ECONOMY** MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (Economy & Investment)

Syllabus	GS-III industrial policy & investment; Prelims — GIS, MP economy & agri exports.
Context	From the AIM Congress 2026 platform in Dubai, CM Mohan Yadav invited global investors and pushed global-market access for MP farm produce.
Key Facts	► Builds on the Global Investors Summit (GIS) 2025, Bhopal — record ~₹26.6 lakh crore intentions. ► Pitch to Gulf investors; met the Choithram Group on farm-produce exports. ► Priority sectors: food processing, agriculture, industry and renewable energy. ► MP leverages industrial corridors and single-window clearances. ► As the 'Soybean State', MP eyes global markets for soybean, wheat and pulses.
Way Fwd	Converting MoUs into ground-level projects and jobs is the real metric of success.
Concept	GIS is MP's flagship investment platform, complementing central Make in India and PLI schemes.

THE 'SOYBEAN STATE': MP's SHARE OF INDIA'S SOYBEAN OUTPUT

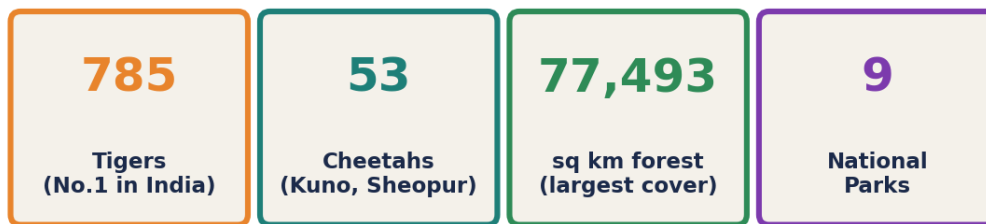
**Ladli Behna Yojana wins 5-year extension; September instalment released****SOCIETY** MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Social Justice & Welfare)

Syllabus	GS-II welfare of women & vulnerable sections; Prelims — MP DBT schemes.
Context	MP's flagship women's income-support scheme gets a multi-year extension as the September instalment reaches over 1.25 crore women.
Key Facts	► ₹1,500/month to eligible women via DBT; roughly 1.25 crore+ beneficiaries. ► Cabinet cleared a 5-year extension of Ladli Behna and Ladli Lakshmi schemes. ► Each monthly transfer is about ₹1,500 crore; instalments have crossed the 39th-40th round. ► Aims at financial autonomy, nutrition and women's workforce participation. ► Social-security pensions are transferred alongside the same day.
Way Fwd	Fiscal sustainability versus welfare reach is the recurring debate; targeting and inflation-indexing matter.
Concept	DBT curbs leakage via Aadhaar-linked transfers; a women-centric conditional-cash welfare model.

LADLI BEHNA YOJANA — AT A GLANCE

Project Cheetah: India's cheetahs reach 53 at Kuno; Gandhi Sagar as second home**ENVIRONMENT** MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (Environment & Ecology)

Syllabus	GS-III conservation & biodiversity; Prelims — Project Cheetah, MP protected areas.
Context	With new cubs born at Kuno, India's total cheetah count has risen, and MP has readied Gandhi Sagar Sanctuary as a second cheetah home.
Key Facts	- India's cheetah population reached 53 after five cubs born at Kuno NP (Sheopur). - Cheetahs were sourced from Namibia (2022), South Africa and Botswana. Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary (Mandsaur-Neemuch) prepared as the second home. - MP is the Tiger State (785 tigers) and now the Cheetah State. - Kuno lies in the Chambal landscape of northern MP.
Way Fwd	Prey base, genetic diversity and human-wildlife conflict management are decisive for long-term success.
Concept	Project Cheetah (2022) — the world's first inter-continental large-carnivore translocation; cheetah is IUCN Vulnerable .

MADHYA PRADESH — INDIA'S TIGER & CHEETAH STATE**SECTION B • DATA POINT OF THE DAY**

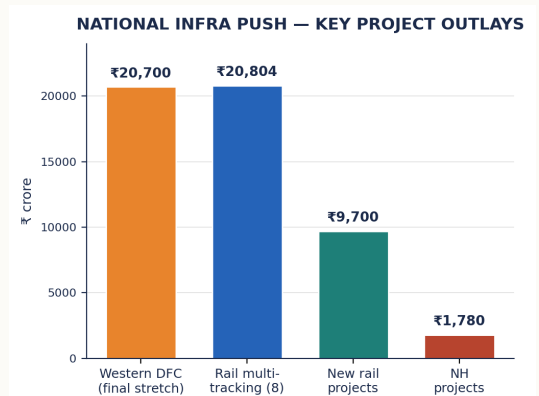
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lakh crore

DATA POINT OF THE DAY**MP Global Investors Summit 2025 — investment intentions**

Record investment proposals received at **GIS 2025** in Bhopal across industry, energy, agriculture and services — the base for MP's ongoing global-investor outreach.

SECTION C • NATIONAL & WORLD**Western Dedicated Freight Corridor fully commissioned; big rail push****ECONOMY** MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (Economy & Infrastructure)

Syllabus	GS-III infrastructure & logistics; Prelims — DFC route map, PM Gati Shakti.
Context	PM Modi inaugurated the final sections of the Western DFC and the Cabinet approved fresh multitracking, deepening India's freight backbone.
Key Facts	- Final 3 WDFC sections worth over ₹20,700 crore; the JNPT (Mumbai)-Dadri (UP) freight route. - Cabinet cleared 8 rail multitracking projects worth ₹20,804 crore across 9 states. - Benefits about 2,121 villages and roughly 52 lakh people. - Foundations laid for 3 rail projects (₹9,700 cr) and 3 NH projects (₹1,780 cr). - Cuts logistics cost and supports PM Gati Shakti.
Way Fwd	Lower logistics costs boost export competitiveness; first- and last-mile integration is the next step.
Concept	A DFC is a freight-only dedicated track; part of the National Logistics Policy goal to cut logistics cost to global levels.



Forest Rights Act: fresh tussle over Gram Sabha consent

POLITY MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Governance & Tribal Rights)

Syllabus	GS-II FRA & PESA, tribal rights; Prelims — FRA 2006 provisions.
Context	A Tribal Affairs Ministry memorandum has reignited debate on whether Gram Sabha consent is mandatory before forest land is diverted.
Key Facts	▶ Memo states the ministry has no role in mandating Gram Sabha consent at Stage-II forest clearance. ▶ The Niyamgiri judgment (2013) upheld free, prior and informed consent. ▶ About 3,05,945 hectares were diverted (2008-23) with compliance gaps. ▶ Highly relevant to MP — home to India's largest tribal population. ▶ Rooted in FRA 2006 and PESA 1996.
Way Fwd	Reconciling forest diversion with tribal consent is central to just and sustainable development.
Concept	FRA 2006 recognises individual and community forest rights; PESA 1996 empowers Gram Sabhas in Scheduled Areas.

Ladakh autonomy: directly elected body proposed

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

Syllabus	GS-II federal structure & UT governance; Prelims — Article 371, Sixth Schedule.
Context	The Home Ministry has proposed a directly elected body for Ladakh with powers over land, culture, language and forests.
Key Facts	▶ Ladakh has been a UT without a legislature since the 2019 reorganization. ▶ Demands include statehood and Sixth Schedule protection. ▶ The proposal echoes Article 371-type special provisions. ▶ It seeks to address tribal and cultural safeguards. ▶ A written draft is yet to be shared.
Way Fwd	Balancing strategic control with democratic representation and tribal safeguards is the challenge.
Concept	The Sixth Schedule protects tribal areas via Autonomous District Councils; Article 371 grants special provisions to certain states.

ORV Sagar Manthan launched under Deep Ocean Mission

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

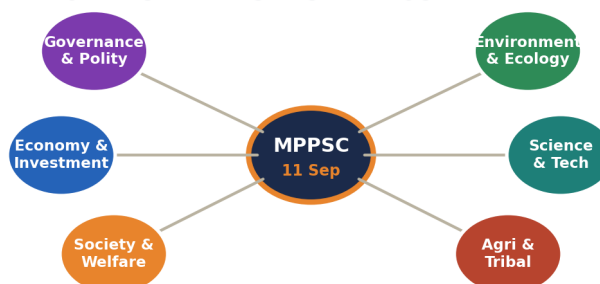
Syllabus	GS-III S&T & ocean research; Prelims — Deep Ocean Mission, Samudrayaan.
Context	India launched the indigenous ocean research vessel ORV Sagar Manthan, set to replace the 43-year-old Sagar Kanya.
Key Facts	▶ ORV Sagar Manthan — cost ₹840 crore, built by GRSE, with a 30-year service life. ▶ Replaces ORV Sagar Kanya (1983); delivery scheduled by 2028. ▶ Part of the Deep Ocean Mission (Vertical-4 component). ▶ Supports ocean survey and blue-economy research. ▶ Launched by Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh.
Way Fwd	Bolsters India's blue economy and Samudrayaan and marine-resource ambitions.
Concept	The Deep Ocean Mission (2021) explores deep-sea minerals and biodiversity; Samudrayaan is its manned submersible.

Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2026 under way; 10 years of PMMVY

HEALTH MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Social Sector & Health)

Syllabus	GS-II health & nutrition schemes; Prelims — POSHAN Abhiyaan, PMMVY.
Context	The 9th Rashtriya Poshan Maah was launched in Varanasi, running 9 September to 8 October, and marks a decade of the maternity-benefit scheme.
Key Facts	▶ 9th edition of Rashtriya Poshan Maah; theme 'Hamari Anganwadi, Hamari Jimmedari'. ▶ Observed 9 September - 8 October 2026. ▶ Marks the 10-year milestone of PMMVY (Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana). ▶ Focuses on anganwadi services, maternal and child nutrition. ▶ Anchored by the Women & Child Development Ministry.
Way Fwd	Convergence of anganwadi, health and sanitation services is key to cutting stunting and anaemia.
Concept	POSHAN Abhiyaan (2018) targets stunting, wasting, anaemia and low birth weight; PMMVY is a maternity cash-benefit scheme.

TODAY'S THEMES — SYLLABUS MIND-MAP



SECTION D • PRELIMS RAPID-FIRE

► MP is the **Tiger State** (**785 tigers**, highest in India) and now the **Cheetah State** (Kuno, Sheopur).

► **Sharbati wheat** of **Sehore (MP)** holds a **GI tag**; MP is a top wheat and gram producer.

► **Kuno National Park** lies in the **Chambal** region; cheetahs came from Namibia, South Africa and Botswana.

► **Narmada** is MP's longest and lifeline river; others include **Chambal, Betwa, Tapti and Son**.

► **ORV Sagar Manthan** (₹840 cr, GRSE) will replace **ORV Sagar Kanya (1983)** under the Deep Ocean Mission.

► **Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2026** (9th edition) runs **9 Sep-8 Oct** and marks **10 years of PMMVY**.

SECTION E • PRACTICE CORNER

Q1. With reference to Project Cheetah, consider the following statements: (1) Kuno National Park lies in the Chambal region of Madhya Pradesh. (2) Gandhi Sagar Sanctuary is proposed as the second cheetah home. (3) The first cheetahs (2022) were brought from Australia. Which are correct?

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

Ans: (a) — Kuno (Sheopur) is in the Chambal landscape and Gandhi Sagar is the proposed second home, so (1) and (2) are correct. The first cheetahs came from **Namibia** and South Africa, not Australia, so (3) is wrong.

Q2. The newly announced 'VB-GRAM-G' scheme of Madhya Pradesh is primarily related to which sector?

- (a) Urban metro connectivity
- (b) Rural development and employment
- (c) Solar power generation
- (d) Women's pension

Ans: (b) — **VB-GRAM-G** (outlay **₹29,619 crore**, effective **1 July 2026**) is MP's rural development and employment scheme, functioning as a state model alongside the MGNREGA framework.

MAINS PRACTICE

Q. Madhya Pradesh, home to India's largest tribal population, must balance forest-based development with the free, prior and informed consent of Gram Sabhas. Critically examine in light of the Forest Rights Act, 2006 and PESA, 1996. (250 words)

Hint: Cover FRA community and individual rights, PESA Gram Sabha powers in Scheduled Areas, the Niyamgiri free-prior-informed-consent principle, forest-diversion data and compliance gaps, and a balanced way forward across ecology, tribal rights and development.

ONE-LINE REVISION ★ Revise five: MP's **₹41,000 cr / VB-GRAM-G** package, **Ladli Behna's 5-year** extension, **Kuno cheetahs at 53**, Indore's **transport summit**, and the completed **Western DFC**.

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