

TODAY AT A GLANCE — 10 THINGS TO REMEMBER

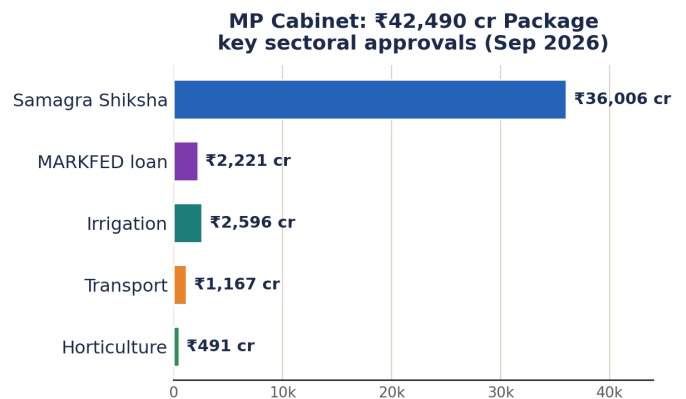
- MP Cabinet clears ₹42,490 cr development package
- Project Cheetah turns 4; population now 52
- Cheetah 'Dheera' moved Kuno → Gandhi Sagar
- Ladli Behna 40th installment: ₹1,500 paid
- Soybean MSP raised to ₹5,708/quintal
- Retail inflation (CPI) at 4.82% in August
- India ranked #1 in Global Business Climate Survey
- OneTag enables FASTag bank portability
- Matsya-6000 tested to 5,270 m depth
- Ujjain gears up for Simhastha 2028

SECTION A • MADHYA PRADESH SPECIAL

MP Cabinet clears ₹42,490 crore development & welfare package

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

Syllabus Linkage	MPPSC Prelims (MP polity & flagship schemes) + Mains GS-II — state governance, welfare delivery, public finance.
Context	The Mohan Yadav-led state Cabinet approved development and welfare proposals worth over ₹42,490 crore, spanning education, irrigation, transport and horticulture.
Key Facts	Samagra Shiksha continued to 2030-31 with ₹36,006.22 cr (pre-primary to Class 12). Irrigation: Chitawad (₹1,846.05 cr), Gaund (₹749.62 cr) & Chanderi — 1.27 lakh ha new capacity. Horticulture: ₹491 cr for 8 schemes (₹100 cr each for fruit & spice). MARKFED interest-free loan ₹2,220.62 cr; extra ₹250 aid to Ladli Behna women.
Way Fwd	Shift to outcome-based spending and timely execution to convert allocations into learning and farm-income gains.
Concept	State Cabinet = council of ministers (Art. 163-164); MARKFED = MP State Cooperative Marketing Federation; Samagra Shiksha = centrally-sponsored school-education scheme.



Project Cheetah completes 4 years; 'Dheera' shifted to Gandhi Sagar

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

Syllabus Linkage	MPPSC Prelims (MP wildlife, national parks) + Mains GS-III — biodiversity & species conservation.
Context	On 17 Sept 2026 India marked four years of Project Cheetah; South African female 'Dheera' was relocated from Kuno to Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary to seed a second population.
Key Facts	- Launched 17 Sept 2022 at Kuno NP (Sheopur) — world's first inter-continental big-cat reintroduction. - Population now 52 (49 at Kuno, 3 at Gandhi Sagar); 32 cubs born in India. - Sourced from Namibia (8, 2022), South Africa (12, 2023), Botswana (9, 2026). - MP is India's only 'Cheetah State'; cheetah is IUCN 'Vulnerable', CITES Appendix I.
Way Fwd	Grow prey base and build a metapopulation across Kuno, Gandhi Sagar & Nauradehi to cut single-site risk.
Concept	Cheetah = fastest land animal; declared extinct in India in 1952 ; reintroduced under IUCN guidelines.

Project Cheetah — 4-Year Journey

- Sep 2022**
8 Namibian cheetahs to Kuno
- Feb 2023**
12 South African cheetahs
- Feb 2026**
9 Botswanan cheetahs
- Sep 2026**
'Dheera' → Gandhi Sagar
- 4 Years**
Population 52 (32 born here)

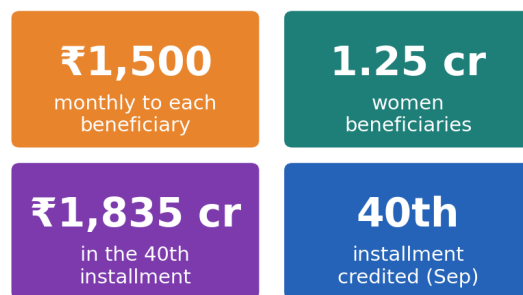
Ladli Behna Yojana: 40th installment credits ₹1,500 to 1.25 crore women

SOCIETY

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

Syllabus Linkage	MPPSC Prelims (MP flagship schemes) + Mains GS-II — women empowerment, welfare, DBT.
Context	MP transferred the 40th monthly installment of the Ladli Behna Yojana, crediting ₹1,500 each to eligible women via direct benefit transfer.
Key Facts	■ About ₹1,835 crore disbursed to nearly 1.25 crore women (Sep 2026). ■ Monthly cash of ₹1,500 to eligible women aged 21-60. ■ Delivered through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) to bank accounts. ■ Cabinet added ₹250 special assistance for beneficiaries.
Way Fwd	Ensure fiscal sustainability and leakage-free targeting as the beneficiary base and payouts expand.
Concept	DBT routes subsidies directly to Aadhaar-linked accounts, cutting intermediaries — a core JAM-trinity tool.

Ladli Behna Yojana — Cash Support to Women



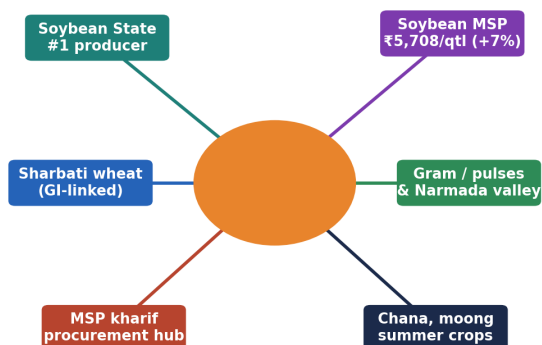
MP the 'Soybean State': kharif MSP raised for 2026-27

ECONOMY

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

Syllabus Linkage	MPPSC Prelims (MP agriculture, crops, soils) + Mains GS-III — MSP, farm economy, procurement.
Context	MP, India's largest soybean producer, gains from the higher 2026-27 kharif MSP as state procurement gears up.
Key Facts	■ Soybean MSP raised to ₹5,708/quintal for 2026-27 (+7.1%, up ₹380). ■ MP leads India in soybean; also key in gram, wheat (Sharbati) & pulses. ■ Major hub for MSP-based kharif procurement and summer moong. ■ Soybean grown mainly on the Malwa plateau black-cotton (regur) soils.
Way Fwd	Push crop diversification, oilseed self-reliance and value-addition to lift farmer incomes.
Concept	MSP = govt-assured floor price recommended by the CACP ; kharif = monsoon-sown crops.

Madhya Pradesh — The 'Soybean State' & Agri Powerhouse



Ujjain gears up for Simhashta 2028 with big infrastructure push

MADHYA PRADESH

MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-I (MP Art, Culture & Heritage)

Syllabus Linkage	MPPSC Prelims (MP fairs & festivals) + Mains GS-I — culture, heritage, urban infrastructure, tourism.
Context	MP is developing Ujjain into a global spiritual hub ahead of the Simhashta Kumbh 2028 on the Kshipra river.
Key Facts	■ Simhashta = MP's Kumbh Mela, held every 12 years at Ujjain on the Kshipra (Shipra). ■ Around ₹2,005 crore earmarked; the wider plan runs into thousands of crores. ■ Ujjain hosts the Mahakaleshwar Jyotirlinga and the Mahakal Lok corridor. ■ Held when Jupiter enters Simha (Leo) rashi — hence 'Simhashta'.
Way Fwd	Balance mega-event tourism with the health of the Kshipra and robust crowd-safety planning.
Concept	Ujjain is one of four Kumbh sites; historically Avantika , once a prime meridian reference of India.

MADHYA PRADESH — India's Wildlife & Forest Capital

Tiger State	Leopard State	Cheetah State	Forest Cover	Tiger Reserves
Highest tiger population in India	Most leopards in the country	Only cheetah home: Kuno & Gandhi Sagar	Largest forest area in India	Kanha, Bandhavgarh, Pench, Panna, Satpura

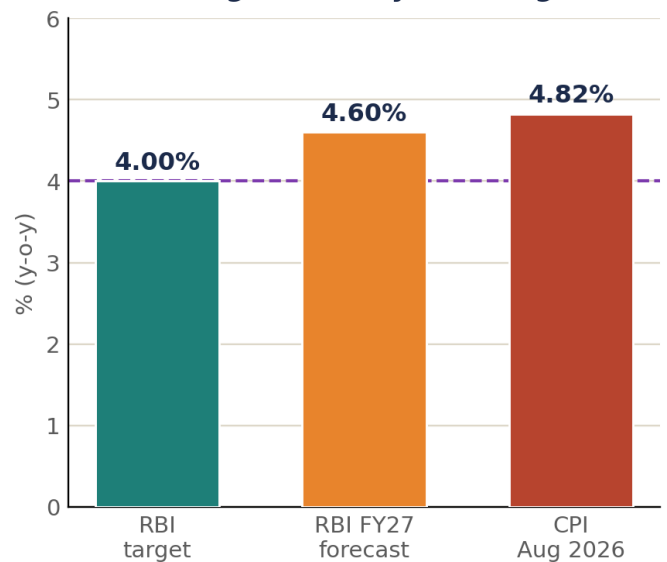
SECTION B • DATA POINT OF THE DAY

4.82%

CPI retail inflation (August 2026)

Retail inflation rose for the **10th straight month** in August 2026, staying above the RBI's **4% target** but within the **2-6% tolerance band**. RBI's **FY27 forecast is ~4.6%**. Food and services prices were the key drivers.

Retail Inflation (CPI) at 4.82%
10th straight monthly rise (Aug 2026)



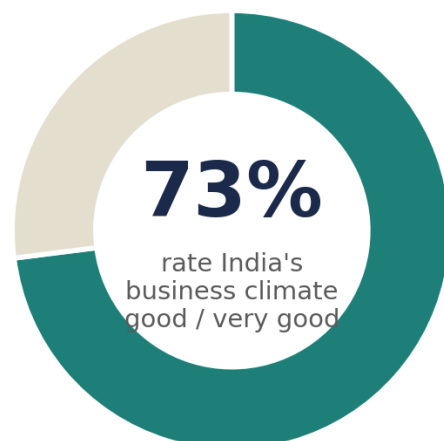
SECTION C • NATIONAL & WORLD

India ranked #1 business climate in Global Business Climate Survey 2026

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

Syllabus Linkage	MPPSC Prelims (reports & indices) + Mains GS-III — investment, ease of doing business.
Context	A 2026 survey of 41 major economies ranked India the top destination on operating climate among surveyed foreign firms.
Key Facts	- India ranked #1 of 41 economies; 73% rated the climate good/very good. 80% held a positive global outlook; 44% plan higher capex. - Asia-Pacific led regional investment allocation. - Signals resilience despite global geopolitical shocks.
Way Fwd	Sustain reforms on logistics, land and labour to convert sentiment into actual FDI.
Concept	'Operating climate' captures regulatory ease, demand, talent and stability perceived by investors.

Global Business Climate Survey 2026 India ranked #1 of 41 economies



'OneTag' to allow FASTag bank portability**SCI-TECH** MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (Economy & Sci-Tech)

Syllabus Linkage	MPPSC Prelims (govt digital initiatives) + Mains GS-III — infrastructure & digital governance.
Context	NHAI and NPCI's OneTag lets users switch the bank behind their FASTag without changing the physical tag.
Key Facts	- Enables bank portability via the Rajmargyatra app, keeping the same RFID Tag ID. Zero hardware replacement; no re-tagging fees. - A 6-month cooling period applies between porting requests. - Rolled out by NHAI + NPCI (National Payments Corporation of India).
Way Fwd	Strengthen interoperability and grievance redress as tolling moves to barrier-free (ANPR) systems.
Concept	FASTag uses RFID for automatic toll deduction; NPCI also runs UPI, RuPay and IMPS.

Uniform Civil Code & Article 44 back in debate**POLITY** MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Polity & Constitution)

Syllabus Linkage	MPPSC Prelims (DPSP, Constitution) + Mains GS-II — rights, secularism, social reform.
Context	The push to extend a Uniform Civil Code beyond Uttarakhand has revived the debate over Article 44.
Key Facts	Article 44 (DPSP) urges a UCC; it is a directive, not judicially enforceable. Uttarakhand operationalised a UCC in January 2025. - Core tension: gender justice vs religious freedom (Art. 25, 29). - Law Commission (2018) favoured targeted reform over a blanket code.
Way Fwd	Build consensus and protect tribal/customary exemptions while ensuring gender equity.
Concept	DPSP (Part IV) guide policy; UCC = common personal law on marriage, divorce & inheritance.

Deep Ocean Mission: India eyes deep-sea minerals with Matsya-6000**SCI-TECH** MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (Sci-Tech & Environment)

Syllabus Linkage	MPPSC Prelims (national missions) + Mains GS-III — S&T, resources, marine ecology.
Context	India is advancing deep-sea exploration for polymetallic nodules while weighing the ecological risks.
Key Facts	Matsya-6000 submersible tested to 5,270 m depth (Samudrayaan). - India holds 3 ISA exploration contracts over ~95,000 sq km. ~366 million tonnes of polymetallic nodules (Ni, Cu, Co, Mn) identified. - Surveys logged ~1,300 deep-sea species, incl. 23 new to science.
Way Fwd	Adopt precautionary norms to limit benthic damage and sediment plumes before commercial mining.
Concept	ISA (International Seabed Authority) governs the seabed 'Area'; nodules are strategic critical minerals.

Island-wide blackout hits Cuba**IR** MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (IR) / GS-I (World Geography)

Syllabus Linkage	MPPSC Prelims (world geography, places in news) + Mains — energy security.
Context	A total grid collapse left more than 9 million people without power across Cuba.
Key Facts	- Nationwide grid failure affected 9 million+ citizens. - Cuba = largest Caribbean island; capital Havana. - Borders the Straits of Florida, Caribbean Sea & Gulf of Mexico. - A unitary socialist republic facing chronic fuel shortages.
Way Fwd	Diversify to renewables and modernise the grid to end recurring blackouts.
Concept	A grid collapse is a cascading supply-demand failure; small island grids are especially vulnerable.

SECTION D • PRELIMS RAPID-FIRE

- Project Cheetah** completed **4 years** (launched 17 Sep 2022 at Kuno, MP).
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- MP's **Ladli Behna** 40th installment: **₹1,500** to **~1.25 cr** women.
- Soybean MSP** for 2026-27 = **₹5,708/quintal**; MP is India's top producer.
- Matsya-6000** submersible tested to **5,270 m** (Deep Ocean Mission).
- Simhastha Kumbh** at **Ujjain** (Kshipra) recurs every **12 years**; next in **2028**.

SECTION E • PRACTICE CORNER

Q1. With reference to Project Cheetah, consider the following statements: 1) It was launched at Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh. 2) The first cheetahs were brought from Namibia and South Africa. 3) The cheetah was declared extinct in India in 1952. 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 (MP) hosted the launch on 17 Sep 2022; the first cheetahs came from Namibia (2022) and South Africa (2023); India declared the cheetah extinct in 1952.

Q2. The Minimum Support Price (MSP) for crops is recommended by which of the following bodies?

(A) NITI Aayog (B) Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) (C) Reserve Bank of India (D) Food Corporation of India

Ans: B. MSP is recommended by the CACP (under the Ministry of Agriculture) and approved by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs. FCI is the procurement/storage agency.

Mains Practice

Q. 'Madhya Pradesh has emerged as India's laboratory for both wildlife conservation and welfare delivery.' Examine with reference to Project Cheetah and the state's flagship welfare schemes.

Hint: Link the Tiger/Leopard/Cheetah-state status and the Kuno-Gandhi Sagar metapopulation with DBT-based schemes like Ladli Behna; discuss the ecology-economy-equity balance and fiscal sustainability.

QUICK REVISION: Cheetah 52 (Kuno 49 + Gandhi Sagar 3) • CPI 4.82% • Ladli Behna ₹1,500 • Soybean MSP ₹5,708/qtl • Simhashta 2028 at Ujjain

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