

## TODAY AT A GLANCE — 10 THINGS TO REMEMBER

- MP Cabinet clears schemes worth **₹42,490 cr**
- Ladli Behna: ₹1,500 to 1.25 cr** women (40th)
- MP wheat MSP **₹2,600/quintal** for Rabi 2026-27
- August retail inflation (**CPI**) up to **4.82%**
- Active **FCRA** NGOs down to **14,466** (from 29,022)
- Samagra Shiksha: ₹36,006 cr** five-year outlay
- Project Cheetah** at **4 years**; **4** new Kuno cubs
- RBI holds repo rate at **5.25%** (neutral stance)
- 51,000** letters at PM's 20th **Rozgar Mela**
- New **litter of 4** to India-raised female **KGP12**

## SECTION A MADHYA PRADESH SPECIAL

### MP Cabinet clears ₹42,490 crore development package

#### MADHYA PRADESH

MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Governance)

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| <b>Syllabus Linkage</b> | Prelims: MP schemes & budget; Mains GS-II — government policies & welfare schemes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Context</b>          | The <b>Madhya Pradesh Cabinet</b> , chaired by CM <b>Mohan Yadav</b> , approved proposals worth <b>₹42,490 crore</b> covering education, irrigation, transport and horticulture in a single sitting.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Key Facts</b>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan</b> gets a <b>₹36,006.22 crore</b> five-year outlay for school education.</li> <li><b>₹1,166 crore</b> cleared for <b>11</b> transport schemes; <b>₹491 crore</b> for <b>8</b> horticulture schemes.</li> <li>Over <b>₹2,600 crore</b> for irrigation at <b>Chitawad (Ujjain)</b>, <b>Gaund (Singrauli)</b>, <b>Chanderi (Ashoknagar)</b> — covering <b>1.27 lakh hectares</b>.</li> <li>New posts sanctioned for the new districts <b>Maihar, Mauganj and Pandhurna</b>.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Way Fwd</b>          | Timely fund release and outcome-linked monitoring will decide whether outlays translate into learning and irrigation gains.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Concept</b>          | The <b>Cabinet</b> is the real executive of the state under <b>Article 163-164</b> ; the CoM is collectively responsible to the <b>Vidhan Sabha</b> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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

#### SOCIETY

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

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| <b>Syllabus Linkage</b> | Prelims: MP flagship DBT schemes; Mains GS-II — welfare of women & vulnerable sections.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Context</b>          | The state released the <b>40th installment</b> of the <b>Mukhyamantri Ladli Behna Yojana</b> , a monthly <b>Direct Benefit Transfer</b> to eligible women, ahead of the festive season.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Key Facts</b>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>₹1,500</b> transferred to each of about <b>1.25 crore</b> women beneficiaries.</li> <li>Total outgo of roughly <b>₹1,835 crore</b> in the 40th installment.</li> <li>A <b>₹250</b> Raksha Bandhan <b>shagun</b> bonus was added earlier in the year.</li> <li>Launched in <b>2023</b>, the scheme targets women aged <b>21-60</b> via <b>DBT</b> into their accounts.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Way Fwd</b>          | Fiscal sustainability and convergence with skilling and jobs will determine long-term empowerment beyond cash support.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Concept</b>          | <b>DBT</b> cuts leakage via the <b>JAM trinity</b> (Jan Dhan-Aadhaar-Mobile); women's welfare links to <b>Article 15(3)</b> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

#### LADLI BEHNA YOJANA

40th installment — September 2026

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| <b>₹1,500</b><br>per month<br>per beneficiary          | <b>1.25 cr</b><br>women<br>beneficiaries       |
| <b>₹1,835 cr</b><br>transferred in<br>40th installment | <b>+₹250</b><br>Raksha Bandhan<br>shagun bonus |

### Project Cheetah turns 4; litter of 4 cubs born at Kuno

#### ENVIRONMENT

MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (Environment)

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| <b>Syllabus Linkage</b> | Prelims: Kuno NP, Project Cheetah; Mains GS-III — conservation & species reintroduction.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Context</b>          | <b>Project Cheetah</b> completed <b>four years</b> on <b>17 September 2026</b> , marked by the birth of a new <b>litter of four cubs</b> at <b>Kuno National Park</b> in <b>Sheopur</b> district.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Key Facts</b>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The cubs were born to India-raised female <b>KGP12</b>, extending the first India-born generation.</li> <li>The project began on <b>17 September 2022</b> with <b>8 cheetahs</b> from <b>Namibia</b>; <b>12</b> more came from <b>South Africa</b> in 2023.</li> <li>The cheetah had been declared <b>extinct in India</b> in <b>1952</b>.</li> <li>Range is being expanded to <b>Gandhi Sagar</b> sanctuary and <b>Nauradehi</b>.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Way Fwd</b>          | Building a second free-ranging population and reducing cub mortality are key to a self-sustaining metapopulation.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Concept</b>          | World's first <b>inter-continental</b> large-carnivore translocation; the cheetah is <b>IUCN Vulnerable</b> and a grassland flagship.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

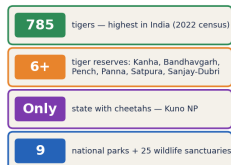
## MP consolidates its 'Tiger + Cheetah State' tag

### ENVIRONMENT

MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (Ecology)

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| <b>Syllabus Linkage</b> | Prelims: MP protected areas, tiger census; Mains GS-III — biodiversity & forest conservation.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Context</b>          | Madhya Pradesh remains India's foremost wildlife state, holding both the most <b>tigers</b> and the country's only wild <b>cheetahs</b> , backed by the <b>largest forest cover by area</b> in India.                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Key Facts</b>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MP has about <b>785 tigers</b> — the highest of any state (2022 census).</li> <li>Major tiger reserves: <b>Kanha, Bandhavgarh, Pench, Panna, Satpura, Sanjay-Dubri</b>.</li> <li>It is the <b>only</b> Indian state with wild <b>cheetahs</b> (Kuno).</li> <li>MP hosts <b>9 national parks</b> and <b>25</b> wildlife sanctuaries.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Way Fwd</b>          | Balancing eco-tourism revenue with corridor protection and human-wildlife conflict management is the ongoing challenge.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Concept</b>          | <b>Tiger = Schedule I</b> , Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972; reserves run under <b>Project Tiger / NTCA</b> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

#### MP — THE WILDLIFE STATE



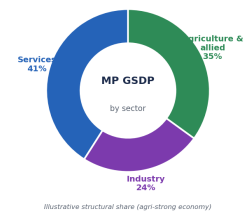
## MP fixes ₹2,600/quintal wheat MSP; agri economy in focus

### ECONOMY

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

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| <b>Syllabus Linkage</b> | Prelims: MSP, MP agriculture; Mains GS-III — agricultural marketing & farmer incomes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Context</b>          | Madhya Pradesh set a <b>₹2,600/quintal</b> procurement price for <b>wheat</b> for Rabi <b>2026-27</b> , as the farm sector stays central to the state's largely <b>agrarian economy</b> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Key Facts</b>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MP wheat MSP procurement has neared a record <b>85 lakh metric tonnes</b> in recent seasons.</li> <li>MP is India's '<b>Soybean State</b>' and grows the premium <b>Sharbati wheat</b> (GI-tagged).</li> <li>Agriculture &amp; allied activities contribute a large share of the state's <b>GSDP</b>.</li> <li>Key crops: <b>soybean, wheat, gram/pulses</b>, fed by the <b>Narmada</b> valley.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Way Fwd</b>          | Crop diversification, storage and food processing can raise farm incomes beyond MSP-dependent wheat and paddy.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Concept</b>          | <b>MSP</b> is recommended by <b>CACP</b> ; procurement supports the <b>PDS</b> and price stabilisation.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

State Economy — Gross Value Added share



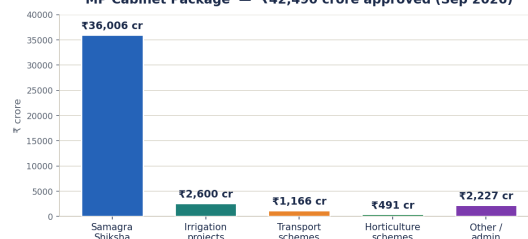
## Tribal welfare & PESA remain central to MP governance

### POLITY

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

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| <b>Syllabus Linkage</b> | Prelims: PESA, Fifth Schedule; Mains GS-II — rights of tribal communities & local self-government.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Context</b>          | With India's <b>largest tribal population</b> , Madhya Pradesh continues to be a reference state for <b>PESA</b> implementation and tribal-focused welfare and forest-rights delivery.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Key Facts</b>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MP has the <b>largest ST population</b> in India (about <b>1.53 crore</b>, over <b>21%</b> of the state).</li> <li><b>PESA Act, 1996</b> empowers <b>Gram Sabhas</b> in <b>Fifth Schedule</b> areas; MP notified state <b>PESA Rules in 2022</b>.</li> <li>Major tribes include <b>Gond, Bhil, Baiga, Sahariya, Korku</b>.</li> <li>Welfare runs through forest rights (<b>FRA 2006</b>), tribal sub-plans and residential schooling.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Way Fwd</b>          | Strengthening Gram Sabha capacity and settling forest-rights claims can turn PESA from paper to practice.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Concept</b>          | <b>Fifth Schedule</b> governs tribal areas outside the North-East; <b>Article 244</b> underpins tribal autonomy.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

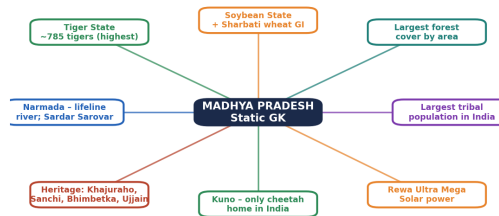
MP Cabinet Package — ₹42,490 crore approved (Sep 2026)



## PROJECT CHEETAH — 4 YEARS AT KUNO (Sep 2022 - Sep 2026)



## Prelims Mind-Map — MP one-liners you must revise



## SECTION B DATA POINT OF THE DAY

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# ~85 lakh MT

MP MSP wheat procurement (record)

Madhya Pradesh's MSP wheat procurement has neared a record **85 lakh metric tonnes**, underscoring its role as a top wheat-procuring state, with Rabi 2026-27 wheat priced at **₹2,600/quintal**.

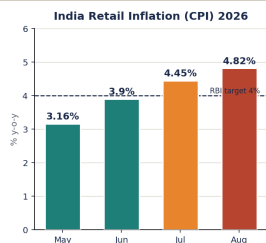
## SECTION C NATIONAL &amp; WORLD

## RBI holds repo at 5.25%; August CPI climbs to 4.82%

## ECONOMY

MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (Economy)

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| <b>Syllabus Linkage</b> | Prelims: RBI, MPC, repo rate, CPI; Mains GS-III — monetary policy & inflation management.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Context</b>          | The <b>RBI's Monetary Policy Committee</b> kept the <b>repo rate</b> at <b>5.25%</b> with a <b>neutral</b> stance, even as <b>retail inflation</b> picked up in August.                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Key Facts</b>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Repo rate held at <b>5.25%</b>; stance <b>neutral</b>.</li> <li>CPI inflation rose to <b>4.82%</b> in August from <b>4.45%</b> in July.</li> <li>Inflation stays within the RBI's <b>2-6%</b> tolerance band (target <b>4%</b>).</li> <li>The MPC is a <b>6-member</b> body chaired by the <b>RBI Governor</b> (Sanjay Malhotra).</li> </ul> |
| <b>Way Fwd</b>          | Watch food prices and monsoon output; a durable move toward 4% would create room for future easing.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Concept</b>          | <b>Repo</b> is the rate at which RBI lends to banks; <b>flexible inflation targeting</b> was adopted in <b>2016</b> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |



## PM Modi hands 51,000 appointment letters at Rozgar Mela

## POLITY

MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Governance)

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| <b>Syllabus Linkage</b> | Prelims: Rozgar Mela; Mains GS-II — governance & employment generation.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Context</b>          | Prime Minister <b>Narendra Modi</b> distributed over <b>51,000 appointment letters</b> to newly recruited youth at the <b>20th Rozgar Mela</b> on <b>19 September 2026</b> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Key Facts</b>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Over <b>51,000</b> appointees inducted across central government departments.</li> <li>It was the <b>20th edition</b> of the <b>Rozgar Mela</b>, launched in <b>2022</b>.</li> <li>Recruits join ministries such as Railways, Home Affairs, Posts and Finance.</li> <li>New hires begin with the online orientation module <b>Karmayogi Prarambh</b>.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Way Fwd</b>          | Sustaining public hiring alongside private job creation is essential to absorb India's demographic dividend.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Concept</b>          | Links to <b>Mission Karmayogi</b> (2020) for capacity-building; employment is a core <b>governance</b> metric.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

## Active FCRA-registered NGOs fall to 14,466

### POLITY

MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Governance)

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| <b>Syllabus Linkage</b> | Prelims: FCRA; Mains GS-II — role & regulation of civil society/NGOs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Context</b>          | The number of organisations actively registered under the <b>Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act</b> has fallen sharply over the past decade, even as foreign contributions rose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Key Facts</b>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Active <b>FCRA</b> NGOs dropped to <b>14,466</b> (as of Sept 2026) from <b>29,022</b> in <b>2015</b> — a fall of over <b>50%</b>.</li> <li>Many registrations lapsed or were <b>cancelled/not renewed</b>.</li> <li><b>FCRA, 2010</b> (amended <b>2020</b>) regulates foreign funding of associations.</li> <li>The nodal authority is the <b>Ministry of Home Affairs</b>.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Way Fwd</b>          | A balance between national-security scrutiny and space for genuine civil society will shape the sector's future.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Concept</b>          | <b>FCRA</b> bars foreign funds for those of a <b>political nature</b> ; the 2020 amendment barred <b>sub-granting</b> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

## Sci-tech: \$1bn AI-safety tie-up; NASA expands SpaceX crew deal

### SCI-TECH

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

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| <b>Syllabus Linkage</b> | Prelims: AI & space developments; Mains GS-III — science, technology & their applications.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Context</b>          | Major global science and technology moves were reported in AI governance and human spaceflight, both relevant to emerging-tech questions.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Key Facts</b>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Anthropic</b> and <b>Accenture</b> committed at least <b>\$1 billion each</b> toward independent frontier-<b>AI</b> model evaluation.</li> <li><b>NASA</b> expanded its Commercial Crew contract with <b>SpaceX</b> by <b>\$946 million</b> for <b>3</b> more <b>Dragon</b> missions.</li> <li>The moves signal a push on <b>AI safety</b> and sustained <b>low-Earth-orbit</b> access.</li> <li>Independent evaluation aims to test AI models for reliability and risk.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Way Fwd</b>          | India's IndiaAI Mission and Gaganyaan programme keep these global trends directly policy-relevant at home.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Concept</b>          | <b>AI safety</b> evaluation checks model risks; the <b>Commercial Crew</b> model outsources LEO transport to private firms.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

## PM inaugurates climate & environment conference at Vigyan Bhawan

### ENVIRONMENT

MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (Environment)

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| <b>Syllabus Linkage</b> | Prelims: climate initiatives; Mains GS-III — environment, climate change & sustainability.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Context</b>          | PM <b>Modi</b> inaugurated a two-day conference on ' <b>The Future of Environment and Climate Dynamics</b> ' at <b>Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi</b> , on <b>19 September 2026</b> .                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Key Facts</b>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The conference focused on climate resilience, ecology and sustainable development.</li> <li>India targets <b>net-zero by 2070</b> under its climate commitments.</li> <li>Aligns with <b>LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment)</b> and updated <b>NDCs</b>.</li> <li>Comes amid India's push on renewables and green hydrogen.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Way Fwd</b>          | Translating pledges into financed, on-ground mitigation and adaptation is the central test.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Concept</b>          | <b>NDCs</b> flow from the <b>Paris Agreement (2015)</b> ; <b>UNFCCC</b> is the parent climate treaty.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

## Global postings: new WFP chief; India names envoy to Cuba

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

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| <b>Syllabus Linkage</b> | Prelims: UN bodies & appointments; Mains GS-II — India & international organisations.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Context</b>          | Key diplomatic and multilateral appointments were announced, including new leadership at a major <b>UN</b> agency and a fresh Indian ambassadorial posting.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Key Facts</b>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Luke Lindberg</b> was appointed Executive Director of the <b>World Food Programme (WFP)</b>.</li> <li>The <b>WFP</b> is a <b>UN</b> agency and <b>2020 Nobel Peace Prize</b> laureate, headquartered in <b>Rome</b>.</li> <li><b>Hansraj Singh Verma</b> named India's next <b>Ambassador to Cuba</b>.</li> <li>Such postings reflect India's expanding diplomatic footprint.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Way Fwd</b>          | Deeper engagement with UN bodies and the Global South strengthens India's multilateral standing.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Concept</b>          | <b>WFP</b> tackles global hunger ( <b>SDG-2: Zero Hunger</b> ); ambassadors are appointed under <b>Article 77</b> processes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

## SECTION D PRELIMS RAPID-FIRE

- **Kuno National Park** — India's only cheetah habitat — is in **Sheopur** district of MP.
- The **Narmada** is MP's lifeline river; the **Sardar Sarovar** dam is on it.
- **RBI** repo rate stands at **5.25%**; the current Governor is **Sanjay Malhotra**.

- MP's **Rewa Ultra Mega Solar** is one of India's largest solar parks.
- **Sharbati wheat** (Sehore/Vidisha belt) carries a **GI tag** for its quality.
- India's **CPI** basket has a **~46%** weight for **food & beverages**.

## SECTION E PRACTICE CORNER

**Q1. With reference to Project Cheetah, consider the following: 1) It began in September 2022 with cheetahs from Namibia. 2) Kuno National Park is located in Madhya Pradesh. 3) The cheetah was declared extinct in India in 1952. Which 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: Project Cheetah began on **17 September 2022** with **8 Namibian** cheetahs at **Kuno NP (MP)**; the cheetah was declared **extinct in India in 1952**.

**Q2. The Mukhyamantri Ladli Behna Yojana of Madhya Pradesh is best described as:**

- (A) A crop insurance scheme for women farmers
- (B) A monthly Direct Benefit Transfer to eligible women
- (C) A free-education scheme for the girl child
- (D) A housing subsidy for rural women

**Ans: (B)** Ladli Behna provides a monthly **DBT** (currently **₹1,500**) to eligible women aged **21-60**, launched in **2023**.

**Mains Practice: "Direct Benefit Transfer schemes for women, such as Madhya Pradesh's Ladli Behna Yojana, are politically popular but fiscally demanding." Critically examine. (250 words)**

**Hint:** Cover empowerment & DBT leakage reduction (JAM), Article 15(3); balance against fiscal burden, sustainability and the need to link cash with skilling and jobs.

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