

TODAY AT A GLANCE — 10 THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Project Cheetah completes **4 years**; India-born cheetah **KGP12** births **4 cubs** at **Kuno**
- India's cheetah tally now **52 (32 India-born)**; new cubs push it toward **56**
- MP launches **Swamitva Adhikar Yojana-2026**: free registration of **50 lakh** rural properties
- Ladli Behna** 40th installment: **₹1,500** to **1.25 crore** women (**₹1,835 crore**)
- MPPSC** opens **7,500** Police Constable posts; apply **22 Sep-6 Oct 2026**
- MP Cabinet's **Kavach Scheme** revives cooperative credit for **5,000+** farmers
- Moody's** raises India's **FY27 GDP** forecast to **7%** (from **6%**)
- VP opens **India International Water Week 2026** at Bharat Mandapam
- EAM** Jaishankar's Bhutan visit: **₹4,000 crore** Line of Credit for energy
- India's long-range attack drone '**KAL**' clears Pokhran trials (**1,000 km** range)

SECTION A — MADHYA PRADESH SPECIAL

Project Cheetah turns four; India-born cheetah births four cubs at Kuno

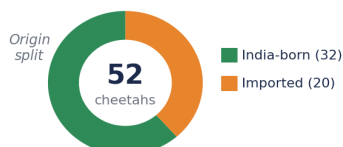
[MADHYA PRADESH]

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

Syllabus Linkage	Prelims: MP national parks, wildlife projects, protected areas. Mains GS-III: conservation, biodiversity, species reintroduction.
Context	Project Cheetah completed four years on 17 September 2026 , marked by the birth of four cubs to India-born female KGP12 at Kuno National Park , Sheopur district.
Key Facts	- Launched on 17 September 2022, when PM Modi released 8 cheetahs from Namibia into Kuno; cheetahs were declared extinct in India in 1952. - India's cheetah population now stands at about 52 (32 India-born); the four new cubs push the total toward 56. Kuno lies in MP's Sheopur district; expansion is planned to Gandhi Sagar Sanctuary and Nauradehi. - Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav called it 'a symbol of hope, resilience and growing success'. - MP is India's 'Tiger State' and 'Cheetah State', with the country's largest forest cover.
Way Fwd	Sustained prey-base management, disease surveillance and second-home sites like Gandhi Sagar are key to a self-sustaining metapopulation.
Concept	Kuno NP (Sheopur), Gandhi Sagar (Mandsaur-Neemuch on Chambal), Nauradehi WLS (largest in MP). Cheetah = only large cat that went fully extinct in India.

PROJECT CHEETAH — MADHYA PRADESH

Kuno National Park, Sheopur • 4 years (since 17 Sep 2022)



KEY MILESTONES

- 1952: Cheetah extinct in India
- 2022: 8 cheetahs from Namibia
- 'Tiger State' + 'Cheetah State'
- Expansion: Gandhi Sagar, Nauradehi

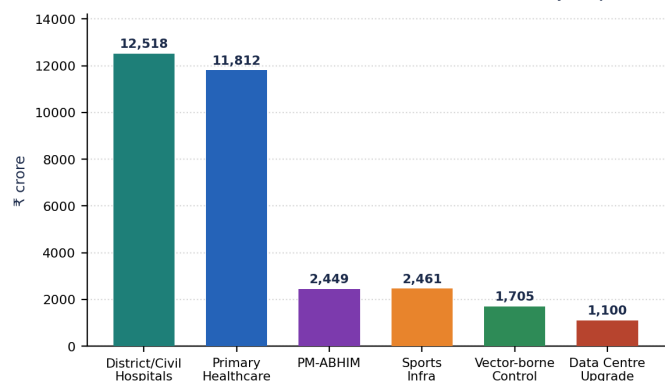
MP Cabinet's Kavach Scheme revives cooperative credit for farmers

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

Syllabus Linkage	Prelims: MP cooperative credit, agri schemes. Mains GS-III: agricultural credit, cooperatives.
Context	The MP Cabinet cleared the Kavach Scheme to bring 5,000+ farmers with disputed cooperative loan accounts back into the formal credit system , part of a ₹32,070 crore package.
Key Facts	Kavach Scheme targets 5,000+ farmers with disputed cooperative loan accounts. - State to provide ₹25 crore one-time equity; a ₹50 crore relief fund by Apex & District Cooperative Banks. - Enables fresh cooperative loans and re-entry into the formal credit system. - Part of a broader ₹32,070 crore package covering healthcare, sports and data-centre upgrades.
Way Fwd	Reviving cooperative credit for the 'Soybean State' can deepen farm liquidity if repayment discipline is maintained.
Concept	Cooperative credit in MP flows via Apex Bank → District Central Cooperative Banks → PACS. MP is India's leading soybean producer ('Soybean State').

MP CABINET PACKAGE — SECTOR ALLOCATIONS (₹32,070 cr)



Kavach Scheme: ₹25 cr equity + ₹50 cr relief fund for 5,000+ farmers

MP launches free registration of 50 lakh rural properties — a national first

[MADHYA PRADESH]

MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Governance)

Syllabus Linkage	Prelims: state schemes & e-governance. Mains GS-II: governance, service delivery, property rights.
Context	MP launched the Swamitva Adhikar Abhilekh Nispadan Evam Panjiyan Yojana-2026 to register about 50 lakh rural properties free of stamp duty and registration fees — a first in the country.
Key Facts	- Targets registration of roughly 50 lakh rural properties across the state. Zero stamp duty and zero registration fee for eligible rural properties — a national first. - Builds on the Centre's SVAMITVA drone-survey scheme to give villagers clear record of rights (adhikar abhilekh). - Aims to reduce land disputes and enable institutional credit against titled property.
Way Fwd	Timely digitisation and grievance redress will decide whether titles translate into real credit access and fewer disputes.
Concept	SVAMITVA (2020) = Survey of Villages and Mapping with Improvised Technology in Village Areas; uses drones to map inhabited (abadi) rural land.

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

[MADHYA PRADESH]

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

Syllabus Linkage	Prelims: MP flagship schemes & amounts. Mains GS-II: women empowerment, DBT, welfare.
Context	The 40th installment of the Mukhyamantri Ladli Behna Yojana transferred ₹1,500 each to about 1.25 crore women, totalling around ₹1,835 crore .
Key Facts	₹1,500 transferred per beneficiary via DBT to about 1.25 crore women. - Total outgo of roughly ₹1,835 crore for the installment. - Scheme launched in 2023; monthly cash support to eligible women aged 21-60. - One of MP's largest direct-benefit welfare commitments.
Way Fwd	Fiscal sustainability and convergence with skilling/livelihood schemes will strengthen long-term outcomes for women.
Concept	DBT = Direct Benefit Transfer, routing cash to Aadhaar-linked bank accounts to cut leakages. Compare with similar transfer schemes in other states.

LADLI BEHNA YOJANA — 40th INSTALLMENT

₹1,500

Per beneficiary

1.25 cr

Women

₹1,835 cr

Total outgo

40th

Installment

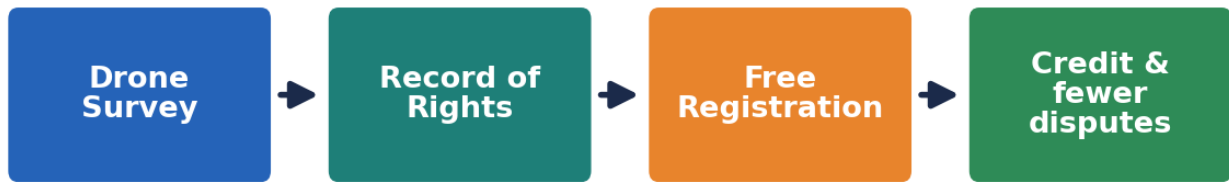
MPESB opens 7,500 Police Constable posts

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MPPSC: Prelims (State Current Affairs) + Mains GS-II (Governance)

Syllabus Linkage	Prelims: MP recruitment bodies & employment news. Mains GS-II: institutions, public employment.
Context	The Madhya Pradesh Employees Selection Board (MPESB) opened recruitment for 7,500 Police Constable (GD) posts under the Home (Police) Department.
Key Facts	7,500 Police Constable (General Duty) vacancies notified. - Application window: 22 September - 6 October 2026; correction until 11 October. - Written exam scheduled to begin 19 November 2026. - Conducted by MPESB (formerly MP Vyapam / PEB).
Way Fwd	Transparent, timely exams and grievance handling are vital to public trust in state recruitment.
Concept	MPESB (Madhya Pradesh Karmchari Chayan Mandal) is the state's main recruitment board for Group-2/3 posts and constable-level jobs.

MP SWAMITVA ADHIKAR YOJANA-2026 (50 lakh rural properties)



Zero stamp duty & zero registration fee — a national first

MP Swamitva Adhikar Yojana-2026: from drone survey to free registration and credit access.

SECTION B — DATA POINT OF THE DAY

7%
FY27 forecast

India's FY27 GDP growth — Moody's upgrade

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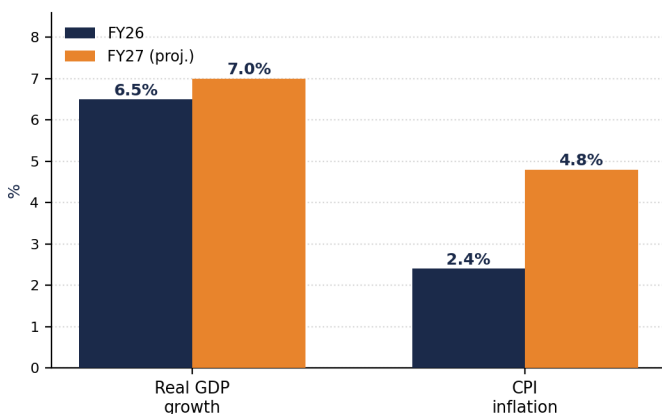
SECTION C — NATIONAL & WORLD

Moody's raises India's FY27 GDP growth forecast to 7%

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

Syllabus Linkage	Prelims: growth data, rating agencies. Mains GS-III: growth, inflation, macro stability.
Context	Moody's raised India's FY27 real GDP growth forecast to 7% (from 6%), citing economic resilience, even as inflation is seen firming.
Key Facts	▶ FY27 growth forecast lifted to 7% from 6%. ▶ Q1 FY27 growth already at 7.8%. ▶ Inflation projected at 4.8% for FY27 vs 2.4% in FY26, on crude and food prices. ▶ GIFT City rose 9 places to 37th in the Global Financial Centres Index 40.
Way Fwd	Faster private investment and stable inflation will decide whether the higher growth path is durable.
Concept	Real GDP strips out inflation; FY = fiscal year (Apr–Mar). Rating agencies: Moody's, S&P, Fitch. GFCI ranks global financial hubs.

INDIA — MOODY'S FY27 UPGRADE TO 7%



Q1 FY27 growth already at 7.8% • GIFT City 37th in GFCI 40

India's long-range attack drone 'KAL' clears Pokhran trials

[DEFENCE] MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (Defence & Security)

Syllabus Linkage	Prelims: indigenous defence systems. Mains GS-III: defence indigenisation, security tech.
Context	India's first long-range One-Way Attack drone 'KAL' completed trials at the Pokhran range, while HAL handed over Tejas trainers and other aircraft.
Key Facts	▶ 'KAL' specs: 1,000 km range, 7-8 hours endurance, 50 kg payload, up to 5,000 m altitude. ▶ Uses multi-band GNSS and an Inertial Navigation System. ▶ HAL delivered 2 LCA Tejas FOC twin-seat trainers and 3 HTT-40 'Ankur' basic trainers. ▶ Also handed over 4 Dhruv NG civil helicopters to Pawan Hans.
Way Fwd	Scaling loitering/attack drones and trainer output strengthens the push for defence self-reliance (Atmanirbhar Bharat).
Concept	GNSS = Global Navigation Satellite System; INS aids navigation without external signals. LCA Tejas = indigenous Light Combat Aircraft by HAL.

'KAL' ONE-WAY ATTACK DRONE — KEY SPECS

1,000 km Range	7-8 hrs Endurance	50 kg Payload	5,000 m Altitude
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Jaishankar's Bhutan visit: ₹4,000 crore Line of Credit for energy

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

Syllabus Linkage	Prelims: India-Bhutan ties, neighbourhood. Mains GS-II: neighbourhood-first, development partnerships.
Context	During a 16-18 September visit to Bhutan , EAM S. Jaishankar announced a ₹4,000 crore concessional Line of Credit for energy and launched five development initiatives.
Key Facts	▶ ₹4,000 crore concessional Line of Credit for energy projects. ▶ Talks with King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck and PM Tshering Tobgay. ▶ Five initiatives across healthcare, connectivity, agriculture, clean mobility and renewable energy. ▶ Reinforces India's 'Neighbourhood First' policy.
Way Fwd	Deepening hydropower and clean-energy links can anchor mutual gains while respecting Bhutan's development priorities.
Concept	Line of Credit = soft loan to a partner country for projects, often executed by Indian firms. India-Bhutan cooperation centres on hydropower.

VP opens India International Water Week 2026 at Bharat Mandapam

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

Syllabus Linkage	Prelims: summits, water governance. Mains GS-III: water resources, climate resilience.
Context	Vice-President C.P. Radhakrishnan inaugurated the 9th India International Water Week 2026 (22-26 September) at Bharat Mandapam , New Delhi.
Key Facts	▶ 9th edition; theme 'Climate Resilient Water Management'. ▶ Partner nations include the Netherlands and Germany. ▶ Concurrent Second International WASH Conference on drinking water and sanitation. ▶ Relevant to MP's Narmada, Chambal, Betwa, Tapti, Son river management.
Way Fwd	Mainstreaming climate-resilient, demand-side water management is vital as monsoon variability rises.
Concept	WASH = Water, Sanitation and Hygiene. Bharat Mandapam (Pragati Maidan) hosts major summits, including the G20 Summit 2023.

New feline species 'Tilcayo' described — first in over a century

[SCI-TECH] MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (Science & Environment)

Syllabus Linkage	Prelims: species in news, taxonomy. Mains GS-III: biodiversity, scientific discovery.
Context	Scientists formally described Leopardus tilcayo ('Tilcayo') from Bolivia's Yungas cloud forest — the first new living feline species named in over 100 years .
Key Facts	▶ Published in Current Biology on 17 September 2026. ▶ Body length about 46 cm; weight about 1.4 kg. ▶ Diverged from related species roughly 1.4 million years ago. ▶ First new living feline species described in over a century.
Way Fwd	Fresh discoveries underline the value of protecting under-surveyed biodiversity hotspots like cloud forests.
Concept	Taxonomy names species via binomial nomenclature (genus + species). Yungas = montane rainforest on the eastern Andes slopes.

UDAN regional connectivity expands with MoUs across 22 states

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

Syllabus Linkage	Prelims: UDAN/RCS facts. Mains GS-III: infrastructure, regional connectivity.
Context	The Civil Aviation Ministry signed MoUs with 22 states for the next phase of UDAN (RCS) , deepening regional air connectivity.
Key Facts	▶ MoUs signed with 22 states for UDAN's next phase. ▶ As of July 2026: 679 routes operationalised across 95 airports/heliports/water aerodromes. ▶ Over 1.68 crore passengers served so far. ▶ UDAN = Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik, launched 2016 under the Regional Connectivity Scheme.
Way Fwd	Viability-gap support and demand aggregation will decide whether new routes stay commercially sustainable.
Concept	RCS-UDAN caps fares on select seats and offers viability gap funding to airlines to connect underserved airports.

INDIA-BHUTAN: FIVE NEW INITIATIVES

Healthcare

Connectivity

Agriculture

Clean
Mobility

Renewable
Energy

₹4,000 crore concessional Line of Credit (energy)

India-Bhutan: five new development initiatives anchored by a ₹4,000 crore Line of Credit.

SECTION D — PRELIMS RAPID-FIRE

► Kuno National Park lies in MP's Sheopur district; Project Cheetah began 17 Sep 2022 .	► MP is India's ' Tiger State ' and holds the country's largest forest cover .
► Ladli Behna transfers ₹1,500/month via DBT to eligible women aged 21-60 .	► Moody's pegged India's FY27 growth at 7% ; GIFT City ranked 37th in GFCI 40 .
► India International Water Week 2026 theme: ' Climate Resilient Water Management '.	► SLINEX-26 — the 13th India- Sri Lanka naval exercise — was held at Visakhapatnam .

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 in September 2022.
2. Cheetahs were declared extinct in India in 1952.
3. Kuno National Park is located in the Sheopur district.

Which of the statements given 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. Project Cheetah began on 17 September 2022 at Kuno NP (Sheopur district, MP); cheetahs were declared extinct in India in 1952.

Q2. The Swamitva Adhikar Abhilekh Nispadan Evam Panjiyan Yojana-2026, in the news, is associated with which of the following?

(A) Free registration of rural properties in Madhya Pradesh (B) A central crop insurance scheme (C) Urban housing subsidies in Uttar Pradesh (D) A tribal scholarship programme

Ans: (A) Madhya Pradesh launched the scheme to register about 50 lakh rural properties free of stamp duty and registration fees — a national first, building on the Centre's SVAMITVA drone-survey scheme.

Mains Practice. "Project Cheetah is as much a test of habitat management as of political will." Examine the ecological and administrative challenges of cheetah reintroduction in Madhya Pradesh, and suggest a way forward. (250 words)

Hint: Cover prey-base and territory needs, mortality/disease risks, second-home sites (Gandhi Sagar, Nauradehi), human-wildlife interface and livelihoods, the Kuno irrigation-dam trade-off, and MP's status as Tiger/Forest State.

★ QUICK REVISION ★

REVISE: Project Cheetah — 4 yrs, Kuno (Sheopur), 52 cheetahs (32 India-born) • MP Swamitva-2026 free registration of 50 lakh rural properties • Ladli Behna 40th: ₹1,500 to 1.25 cr women • Moody's FY27 GDP 7% • KAL drone 1,000 km.

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