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TODAY AT A GLANCE — 10 THINGS TO REMEMBER

- MP Cabinet clears over ₹7,000 cr package; Advaita Lok, Omkareshwar gets ₹2,278.99 cr
- New Gopal-Krishna Gram Puraskar Yojana to make MP India's 'Milk Capital'
- Ladli Behna 42nd instalment: ₹1,500 to 1.24 crore women; ₹69,050 cr so far
- Kuno's Botswana cheetah births 4 cubs; India's cheetah tally hits 62
- Bhopal hosts Women's Asian Champions Trophy (19-28 Nov); India in semis
- ₹325 cr injected into 9 weak District Co-operative Central Banks of MP
- COP31 at Antalya ends without a fossil-fuel deal; COP32 in Addis Ababa (2027)
- India-Nepal: ₹15,000 cr support and 8 MoUs on PM-level visit
- India's exports to Africa up 44%; Asia market crosses US$100 bn
- GRSE delivers 6th ASW craft 'Ashank'; retail inflation at 6.09% (24-month high)

SECTION A | MADHYA PRADESH SPECIAL

MP Cabinet clears ₹7,021 cr package; new dairy & co-op steps

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

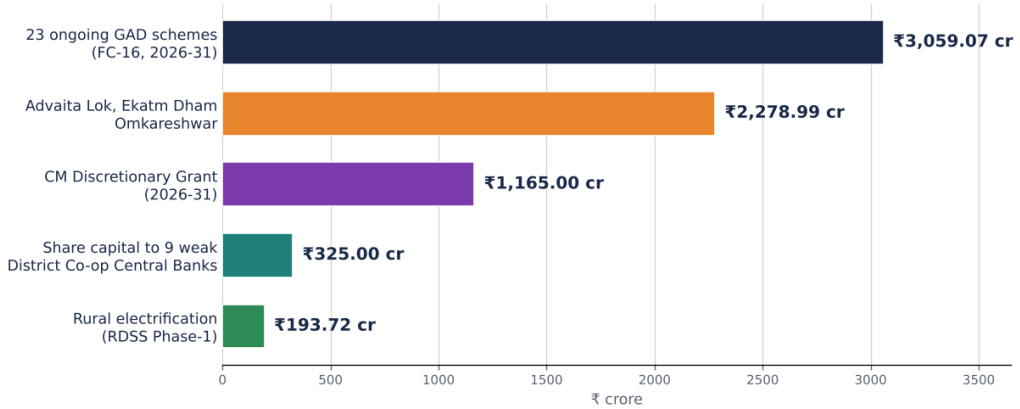
Syllabus Linkage	MPPSC Prelims (MP schemes, co-operatives) + Mains GS-III (state economy, power). Pointer: 16th Finance Commission period
Context	The **Madhya Pradesh Cabinet**, chaired by CM **Dr. Mohan Yadav** at Mantralaya, Bhopal on **23 November 2026**, approved development proposals worth over **₹7,000 crore** with several welfare measures.
Key Facts	● Total outlay **₹7,021.78 cr**; top heads: **₹3,059.07 cr** for 23 ongoing GAD schemes (2026-31) and **₹2,278.99 cr** for **Advaita Lok** at Ekatm Dham, **Omkareshwar** ● **₹325 cr** share capital for **9 weak District Co-operative Central Banks** (Rewa, Satna, Datia, Shivpuri, Jabalpur, Raisen, Morena, Sagar, Sidhi) ● Overdue elections to **Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS)** extended by **one year** ● **₹193.72 cr** RDSS Phase-1 plan to electrify **46,574 households** in **1,834 habitations** (60% central grant)
Way Fwd	Front-loading co-op capital and rural power can deepen farm credit and last-mile electrification, but timely co-op polls remain key to grassroots democracy.
Concept	**DCCBs** form the middle tier of the 3-tier short-term rural credit structure (**PACS -> DCCB -> State Co-op Bank**). **RDSS** = Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (Ministry of Power, 2021).

Gopal-Krishna Gram Puraskar Yojana: MP eyes 'Milk Capital' tag

MADHYA PRADESH **MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (Agriculture & Animal Husbandry)**

Syllabus Linkage	Mains GS-III (animal husbandry, rural economy); Prelims: MP schemes, indigenous cattle breeds
Context	The Cabinet cleared the **Gopal-Krishna Gram Puraskar Yojana** (Animal Husbandry & Dairy Dept.) to reward rearing of **indigenous (desi) milch breeds** and more than double milk output.
Key Facts	● Rewards improved indigenous cows yielding at least **6 litres/day**; breeds named: **Gir, Sahiwal, Tharparkar, Malvi** ● **2026-27**: contests in one **'Vrindavan Gram'** in each of **208 rural Assembly constituencies** ● **2027-28 to 2030-31**: block-level contests across **313 development blocks** ● Prizes per unit: **1st ₹1 lakh, 2nd ₹50,000, 3rd ₹25,000**; awarded on **Govardhan Puja**
Way Fwd	Breed-based incentives can lift productivity, but veterinary care, fodder and cold-chain support decide whether the 'Milk Capital' goal is met.
Concept	India runs the **Rashtriya Gokul Mission (2014)** for indigenous bovine breeds; MP is among the top milk-producing states.

MADHYA PRADESH CABINET: ₹7,021.78 cr PACKAGE CLEARED (23 Nov 2026)



Ladli Behna: 42nd instalment of ₹1,500 reaches 1.24 cr women

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

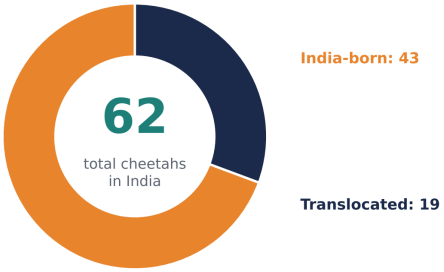
Syllabus Linkage	Mains GS-II (welfare schemes, women empowerment); Prelims: MP flagship DBT schemes
Context	CM **Dr. Mohan Yadav** released the **42nd instalment** of the **Mukhyamantri Ladli Behna Yojana** on **13 November 2026** from **Shivpuri** district.
Key Facts	● **₹1,500** credited to each of about **1.24 crore women** via **Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT)** ● Cumulative transfers have crossed **₹69,050 crore** ● Launched in **2023**; targets married women aged **21-60** of weaker-section families ● Paired with an **LPG cylinder refill subsidy** for registered beneficiaries
Way Fwd	Sustained DBT builds women's financial inclusion, though fiscal space and inflation shape how far the promised step-up to ₹3,000 can go.
Concept	**DBT** routes subsidies straight to Aadhaar-linked accounts, cutting leakages; the scheme mirrors earlier women-centric cash transfers.

Kuno: Botswana cheetah births 4 cubs; India's count rises to 62

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

Syllabus Linkage	Mains GS-III (conservation, biodiversity); Prelims: Project Cheetah, Kuno NP, MP = 'Tiger State'
Context	At **Kuno National Park** (Sheopur, MP), the Botswana-brought female cheetah **'KOMG-3'** gave birth to **four cubs** under natural conditions, taking India's cheetah population to **62**.
Key Facts	● Of 62 cheetahs, **43 were born in India**; 'KOMG-3' is the first Botswana female to birth cubs here ● **Project Cheetah** began in **2022** - the world's first intercontinental large-carnivore translocation ● Kuno NP lies in the **Chambal region**; MP is India's **'Tiger State'** ● **Gandhi Sagar Sanctuary** (Mandsaur-Neemuch) is MP's second cheetah home
Way Fwd	Rising in-situ births signal breeding success; sustaining prey base and expanding habitat (e.g. Gandhi Sagar) are the next tests.
Concept	The cheetah (**Acinonyx jubatus**) was declared extinct in India in **1952**. IUCN status: **Vulnerable**. Kuno sits on the Kuno river, a Chambal tributary.

PROJECT CHEETAH — KUNO (MP)
4 new cubs to Botswana cheetah 'KOMG-3'



MUKHYAMANTRI LADLI BEHNA YOJANA — 42nd INSTALMENT



Bhopal hosts Women's Asian Champions Trophy; India in semis

MADHYA PRADESH MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-I (Sports & MP Current Events)

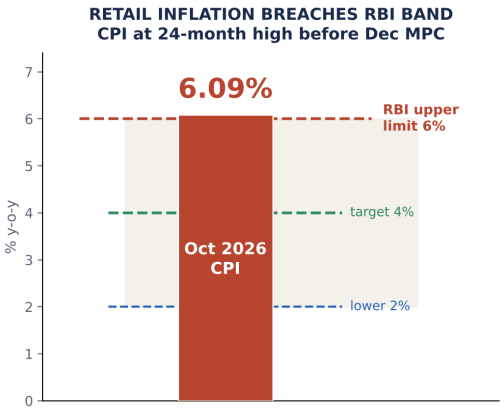
Syllabus Linkage	Prelims (MP sports events, venues); Mains GS-I (society, sports infrastructure)
Context	The **Women's Asian Champions Trophy 2026** is under way (**19-28 Nov**) at the new **International Sports Complex, Nathu Barkheda, Bhopal** - inaugurated by CM **Dr. Mohan Yadav**.
Key Facts	● Defending champions **India** opened with wins incl. **2-1 over South Korea** and **7-0 over Thailand** ● India stormed into the **semi-finals** from the pool stage ● First major **international hockey** event hosted by Madhya Pradesh ● Showcases MP's push on **world-class sports infrastructure**
Way Fwd	Hosting continental events can seed a sports economy in MP, if facilities get year-round grassroots use.
Concept	The **Asian Champions Trophy** is organised by the **Asian Hockey Federation**; India is among its most successful teams.

SECTION B | DATA POINT OF THE DAY

Retail Inflation (CPI), October 2026

6.09%

A 24-month high that breached the RBI's 6% upper tolerance band, raising the odds of a rate move at the December Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting.



SECTION C | NATIONAL & WORLD

COP31 at Antalya ends without a fossil-fuel deal

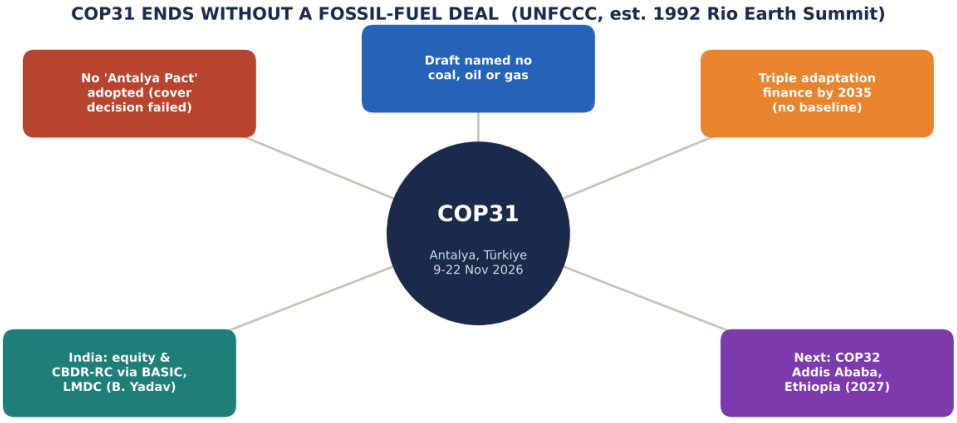
ENVIRONMENT MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (Environment) / GS-II (IR)

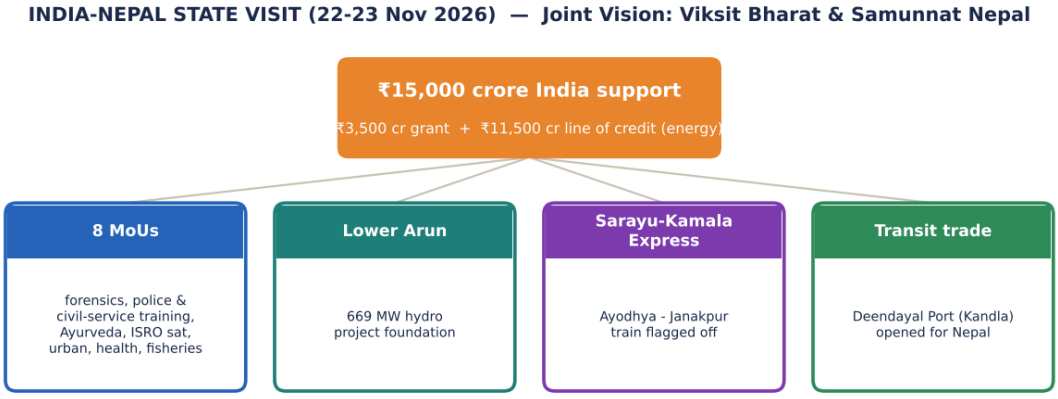
Syllabus Linkage	Mains GS-III (climate change) + GS-II (international agreements); Prelims: UNFCCC, COP, CBDR-RC
Context	The **31st UN Climate Conference (COP31)** in **Antalya, Turkiye** (**9-22 Nov 2026**) closed two days late without adopting its cover decision, the proposed '**Antalya Pact**'.
Key Facts	● Final draft named **no coal, oil or gas**; sought to **triple adaptation finance by 2035** (no baseline) ● **EU, Panama, Marshall Islands, Norway, Vanuatu** objected; no consensus declared ● India (Min. **Bhupender Yadav**) pushed **equity & CBDR-RC** with **BASIC** and **LMDC** partners ● **COP32** will be held in **Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**, in **2027**
Way Fwd	Weak cover outcomes shift pressure to national plans (NDCs) and finance; India links ambition to equitable climate finance.
Concept	**UNFCCC** was adopted at the **1992 Rio Earth Summit** (in force 1994). **CBDR-RC** = Common But Differentiated Responsibilities and Respective Capabilities.

India-Nepal: ₹15,000 cr support, 8 MoUs on PM-level visit

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

Syllabus Linkage	Mains GS-II (India & neighbourhood); Prelims: India-Nepal projects, treaties
Context	During Nepal PM **Balendra Shah's** state visit (**22-23 Nov 2026**), India and Nepal adopted a Joint Vision for '**Viksit Bharat and Samunnat Nepal**' and signed **eight MoUs**.
Key Facts	● India extended **₹15,000 cr** support: **₹3,500 cr grant** + **₹11,500 cr line of credit** for energy ● Foundation laid for the **669 MW Lower Arun** hydro project ● **Sarayu-Kamala Express** (Ayodhya-Janakpur) flagged off; Dharchula-Darchula bridge opened ● **Deendayal Port (Kandla)** opened for Nepal's transit trade
Way Fwd	Energy and connectivity ties anchor India's 'Neighbourhood First'; implementation pace will shape goodwill.
Concept	Nepal is a landlocked Himalayan neighbour; ties rest on the **1950 Treaty of Peace and Friendship** and shared rivers (Kosi, Gandak, Mahakali).

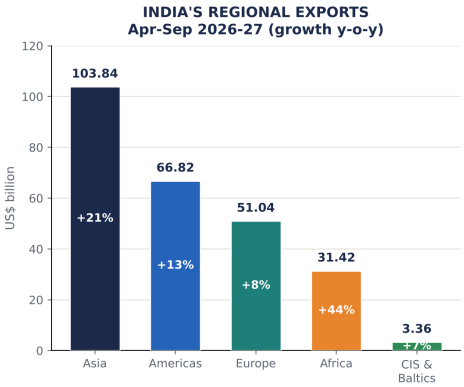




India's regional exports: Africa up 44%, Asia tops $100 bn

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

Syllabus Linkage	Mains GS-III (external sector, trade); Prelims: export data, trade partners
Context	Official data for **April-September 2026-27** show India's merchandise exports growing fastest to **Africa**, with **Asia** the largest destination.
Key Facts	● **Africa**: **+44%** to **US$31.42 bn** (led by petroleum products) ● **Asia**: **+21%** to **US$103.84 bn** - the single largest market ● **Americas**: +13% to **US$66.82 bn** (US alone US$50.80 bn); **Europe** +8% to US$51.04 bn ● **CIS & Baltics**: +7% to US$3.36 bn
Way Fwd	Diversifying markets cushions India against regional slowdowns; sustaining Africa momentum needs trade-finance and logistics support.
Concept	Goods trade is tracked by **DGCIS** (Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics).



GRSE delivers 6th ASW shallow-water craft 'Ashank' to Navy

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

Syllabus Linkage	Mains GS-III (defence indigenisation); Prelims: warships, shipyards
Context	**Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE)**, Kolkata, delivered **'Ashank'**, the sixth **Arnala-class Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft**, to the Indian Navy on **23 November 2026**.
Key Facts	● About **88% indigenous content**; fitted with a GRSE-built **30 mm naval surface gun** ● GRSE's **120th warship** overall; accepted at **Eastern Naval Command, Visakhapatnam** ● Second delivery within a month after **'Amini'** ● Navy ordered **16 ASW-SWCs**: 8 from GRSE (Arnala class), 8 from Cochin Shipyard (Mahe class)
Way Fwd	ASW-SWCs strengthen coastal anti-submarine cover; steady deliveries boost 'Aatmanirbhar' defence manufacturing.
Concept	**ASW** = Anti-Submarine Warfare; these craft operate in shallow coastal waters. GRSE is a Defence PSU under the Ministry of Defence.

SCO Civilisational Dialogue adopts 'Indraprastha Communique'

IR MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (IR) / GS-I (Culture)

Syllabus Linkage	Mains GS-II (groupings/SCO) + GS-I (heritage); Prelims: SCO, UNESCO
Context	PM **Narendra Modi** inaugurated the **1st SCO Civilisational Dialogue Forum** at **Purana Qila, New Delhi** (20-22 Nov 2026); it adopted the **'Indraprastha Communique'**.
Key Facts	● Hosted by the **Ministry of Culture** and **MEA**; outcome read out by the Culture Secretary ● Calls to protect heritage from illicit trafficking, make **joint UNESCO nominations** and digitise manuscripts ● Grew from India's proposal at the **2025 Tianjin SCO Summit** ● India proposed holding the forum **once every two years**
Way Fwd	Cultural diplomacy complements SCO's security focus; a shared digital heritage repository could build soft-power links.
Concept	**SCO** (Shanghai Cooperation Organisation, 2001) is a Eurasian political-security-economic bloc; India became a full member in **2017**.

SECTION D | PRELIMS RAPID-FIRE

▸ **Kuno National Park** lies in **Sheopur** district, on the **Kuno river** (a Chambal tributary).	▸ The RBI's CPI inflation tolerance band is **4% +/- 2%** (i.e., **2-6%**).
▸ **CBDR-RC** - Common But Differentiated Responsibilities & Respective Capabilities - underpins the UNFCCC.	▸ MP's indigenous cattle breeds include **Malvi, Nimari and Kenkatha**.
▸ India became a **full SCO member in 2017**; the SCO was founded in **2001**.	▸ The **Narmada** is MP's lifeline river; **Omkareshwar (Ekatm Dham)** sits on its bank.

SECTION E | PRACTICE CORNER

Q1. Consider the following about the Gopal-Krishna Gram Puraskar Yojana approved by the MP Cabinet (Nov 2026):
1. It rewards rearing of indigenous (desi) milch breeds.
2. The first prize per unit is ₹1 lakh.
3. Awards are given annually on Makar Sankranti.
Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Ans: (a) — The scheme rewards improved indigenous milch cows (min 6 litres/day) with a 1st prize of ₹1 lakh, but awards are given on Govardhan Puja, not Makar Sankranti. Hence statement 3 is incorrect.

Q2. With reference to Project Cheetah and Kuno National Park, consider the following:
1. Kuno National Park is located in Madhya Pradesh.
2. Project Cheetah began in 2022.
3. With the recent births, India's cheetah population has risen to 62.
Which of the above are correct?

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

Ans: (d) — Kuno NP is in Sheopur, MP; Project Cheetah started in 2022; the four new cubs born to the Botswana cheetah 'KOMG-3' took India's cheetah count to 62. All three are correct.

Mains Practice: Flagship direct-benefit-transfer schemes for women, such as Madhya Pradesh's Ladli Behna Yojana, have reshaped welfare politics in India. Examine their impact on women's financial inclusion and the fiscal-sustainability concerns they raise.

Hint: Link DBT and financial inclusion (JAM trinity), women's agency and household consumption; weigh against committed revenue expenditure, crowding-out of capex, and the promised step-up to ₹3,000.

ONE-LINE REVISION: Today: MP Cabinet ₹7,021.78 cr + Gopal-Krishna dairy scheme; Ladli Behna 42nd instalment (₹1,500 to 1.24 cr); Kuno cheetahs now 62; Bhopal hosts Women's Asian Champions Trophy; COP31 ends without a fossil-fuel deal; India-Nepal ₹15,000 cr & 8 MoUs; CPI at 6.09%.

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