

TODAY AT A GLANCE — 10 THINGS TO REMEMBER

1. MP revives public buses: 'Sugam Parivahan Seva' - 351 buses, after 21 yrs
2. MP Cabinet: sports complex in every Assembly seat (₹960 cr)
3. Project Cheetah turns 4; female 'CCB2' released at Gandhi Sagar
4. Ladli Behna 40th instalment: ₹1,835 cr to 1.25 cr women
5. MP readies Rabi wheat procurement at about ₹2,600/quintal
6. Make in India @ 12: cumulative FDI USD 843 billion (2014-26)
7. India-New Zealand FTA to enter into force on 20 Oct 2026
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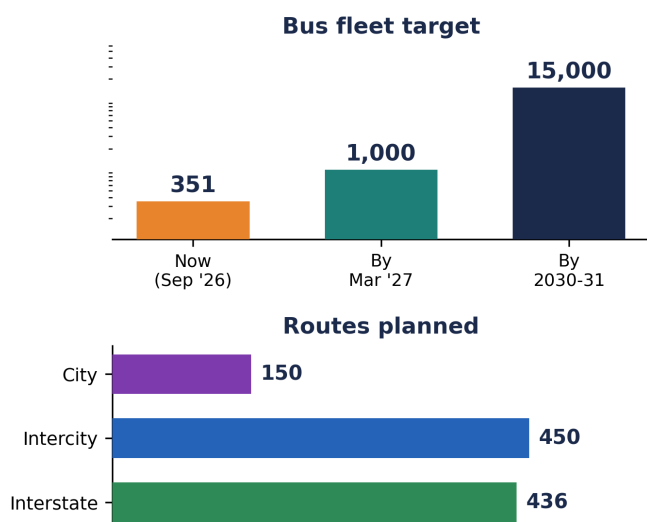
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MP restarts public bus service after 21 years: 'Sugam Parivahan Seva'

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

Syllabus Linkage	Prelims - MP current affairs & state schemes; Mains GS-II governance/service delivery, GS-III transport infrastructure.
Context	On 25 September 2026 , Madhya Pradesh launched the Mukhyamantri Sugam Parivahan Seva , reviving public bus transport after 21 years . CM Mohan Yadav and Union Minister Nitin Gadkari flagged off the first fleet.
Key Facts	351 buses in the first phase; target about 1,000 by March 2027 and 15,000 by 2030-31. - Network of 150 city, 450 intercity and 436 interstate routes. - Fitted with CCTV, GPS, panic buttons and real-time monitoring; includes e-buses. - Run by private operators under government oversight; part of Seva Sankalp Abhiyan (17 Sep-17 Oct).
Way Fwd	Reliable rural-urban connectivity can widen access to markets, health and education; success hinges on route viability and safety compliance.
Concept	Road transport is largely a State subject ; the state road transport corporation was wound up in 2005. The model mirrors PPP-based transport revival.

Sugam Parivahan — buses back after 21 yrs



MP Cabinet clears sports complex in every seat, power & irrigation push

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

Syllabus Linkage	Prelims - MP polity & schemes; Mains GS-II state policy, GS-III infrastructure & energy.
Context	The Mohan Yadav Cabinet (meeting of 22 September 2026) approved a slate of infrastructure, power and welfare decisions.
Key Facts	Sports complex in every Assembly seat - about ₹960 crore over 5 years across nearly 140 constituencies. - Approved purchase of 2,800 MW thermal power via PPAs to meet a projected 1,900 MW gap by 2037. ₹9,061 crore for irrigation, including ₹4,197 cr Neemuch-Javad and ₹262 cr Suthaliya projects. - Indore Dental College BDS seats 63 to 100; Singrauli & Ratlam airstrips to become airports under UDAN.
Way Fwd	Grassroots sports infrastructure can widen the talent base; thermal tie-ups must be balanced against the state's renewable-energy push.
Concept	The Cabinet is the Council of Ministers under Articles 163-164 ; UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik) is a regional air-connectivity scheme.

MP CABINET — KEY DECISIONS

Meeting of 22 September 2026

SPORTS	Sports complex in every seat (~₹960 cr)
POWER	2,800 MW thermal power purchase
IRRIGATION	₹9,061 cr (Neemuch-Javad ₹4,197 cr)
HEALTH-EDU	Indore BDS seats 63 → 100
AVIATION	Singrauli & Ratlam → airports (UDAN)

Project Cheetah completes 4 years; range expands to Gandhi Sagar

ENVIRONMENT

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

Syllabus Linkage	Prelims - species & protected areas; Mains GS-III conservation & biodiversity.
Context	September 2026 marks four years of India's cheetah reintroduction - the world's first intercontinental big-cat translocation - begun at Kuno National Park .
Key Facts	- About 52 cheetahs on official record across Kuno and the new site. - Female cheetah 'CCB2' released at Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary (Neemuch) on 20 September 2026. - Cheetah was declared extinct in India in 1952; animals sourced from Namibia & South Africa. - Next proposed home: Nauradehi Sanctuary; MP is the only cheetah-bearing state.
Way Fwd	A second free-ranging population reduces single-site risk; long-term success needs an adequate prey base and coexistence with local communities.
Concept	MP is the ' Tiger State ' (highest tiger count) with the largest forest cover; Kuno lies in the Chambal region.

PROJECT CHEETAH — 4 YEARS

World's first intercontinental big-cat move

- ~52** cheetahs on official record in India
- 2** homes: Kuno NP + Gandhi Sagar (Neemuch)
- 1952** year cheetah declared extinct in India
- 20** female 'CCB2' released at Gandhi Sagar (20 Sep)

Ladli Behna: ₹1,835 crore released in 40th monthly instalment

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

Syllabus Linkage	Prelims - MP flagship schemes; Mains GS-II women & welfare, GS-I society.
Context	Madhya Pradesh transferred the 40th instalment of the Mukhyamantri Ladli Behna Yojana in September 2026, directly to beneficiaries' bank accounts.
Key Facts	- About ₹1,835 crore credited to nearly 1.25 crore women. - Monthly support of ₹1,500 per eligible woman. - Delivered via Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT); a flagship women-empowerment scheme. - Complements the Ladli Laxmi and social-security pension schemes.
Way Fwd	Unconditional cash boosts women's economic agency; fiscal sustainability and accurate targeting remain the key challenges.
Concept	DBT rides on the JAM trinity (Jan Dhan - Aadhaar - Mobile) to cut leakages.

LADLI BEHNA YOJANA

Monthly cash support to women (DBT)

₹1,500

monthly transfer per woman

1.25 cr

women beneficiaries

₹1,835 cr

released in 40th instalment

40th

instalment (Sep 2026)

MP gears up for Rabi wheat procurement at MSP with a state bonus

MADHYA PRADESH

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

Syllabus Linkage	Prelims - MP agriculture & MSP; Mains GS-III agriculture, procurement & farmer welfare.
Context	MP - a leading wheat producer and the top soybean state - is preparing Rabi 2026-27 wheat procurement, offering MSP plus a state bonus.
Key Facts	- Wheat procurement price set around ₹2,600/quintal (MSP plus state bonus). - MP is the 'Soybean State' and a major producer of Sharbati wheat and gram/pulses. - Procurement anchored by MSP and DBT payments to registered farmers. - The Narmada valley and Malwa plateau are the state's grain bowls.
Way Fwd	A bonus incentivises production but strains fiscal space; crop diversification can ease dependence on MSP-backed wheat.
Concept	MSP is recommended by the CACP ; Sharbati wheat of the Sehore-Vidisha belt holds a GI tag .

MP AT A GLANCE — STATIC POINTERS

Tiger State ~785 tigers (highest in India)	Soybean State leads India in soybean output	Largest forest biggest forest cover in India
Cheetah home only cheetah reintroduction state	Leopard State highest leopard population	Wheat bowl Sharbati wheat; GI-tagged

SECTION B DATA POINT OF THE DAY

USD 843 billion

Cumulative FDI into India, FY2014-15 to FY2025-26

Marking 12 years of Make in India, with a record annual inflow of USD 94.53 billion in FY2025-26 and 14.6 lakh jobs created under PLI schemes.

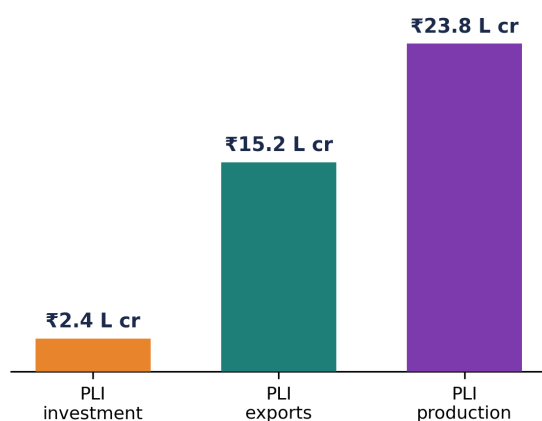
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Make in India turns 12: FDI, PLI and exports scale new highs

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

Syllabus Linkage	Prelims - schemes & FDI; Mains GS-III industrial policy, manufacturing & employment.
Context	Launched on 25 September 2014 , Make in India completed 12 years . PM Modi and Minister Piyush Goyal highlighted manufacturing gains.
Key Facts	- Cumulative FDI 2014-26: USD 843 billion; FY26 record inflow of USD 94.53 billion. - PLI schemes drew ₹2.40 lakh crore investment and ₹15.2 lakh crore exports; 14.6 lakh jobs. - ONDC crossed 470+ crore orders; focus sectors include electronics, pharma and autos. - Push for greenfield industrial smart cities under the NICDP.
Way Fwd	Deepening component manufacturing and R&D; is vital to move from assembly to genuine value creation.
Concept	PLI ties incentives to incremental output/sales; FDI enters via the automatic or government route.

Make in India @ 12 — PLI scheme impact



Cumulative FDI 2014-26: USD 843 bn • FY26 record USD 94.53 bn

SC Collegium confirms 12 additional High Court judges as permanent

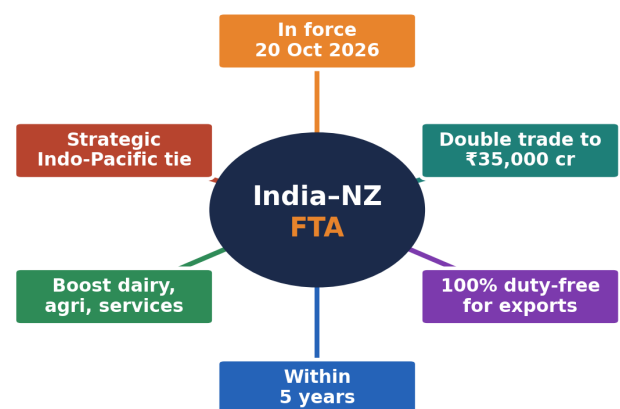
POLITY MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Polity & Judiciary)

Syllabus Linkage	Prelims - judiciary & appointments; Mains GS-II judiciary and governance.
Context	On 23 September 2026 the Supreme Court Collegium recommended making 12 additional judges permanent across four High Courts.
Key Facts	- The move aims to cut judicial vacancies and clear case pendency. - Additional judges are appointed under Article 224 for up to two years. - The Collegium is the CJI plus senior-most SC judges for higher-judiciary appointments. - High Court judges are appointed by the President under Article 217.
Way Fwd	Filling vacancies faster and an agreed Memorandum of Procedure can strengthen judicial capacity.
Concept	The Collegium evolved through the Three Judges Cases ; the NJAC was struck down in 2015.

India-New Zealand FTA to enter into force on 20 October 2026

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

Syllabus Linkage	Prelims - trade agreements; Mains GS-II IR and GS-III external sector.
Context	India and New Zealand concluded a Free Trade Agreement set to take effect 20 October 2026 , deepening Indo-Pacific economic ties.
Key Facts	- India secures 100% duty-free access for its exports. - Target to double bilateral trade to about ₹35,000 crore within 5 years. - Expected to aid dairy, agriculture, pharma and services linkages. - Adds to India's widening FTA network (UAE, Australia, EFTA, UK).
Way Fwd	Sensitive dairy segments need calibrated safeguards; easier services mobility is a key Indian ask.
Concept	An FTA cuts tariffs on 'substantially all trade' under WTO Article XXIV .



India-France begin 24th edition of naval exercise 'Varuna'

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

Syllabus Linkage	Prelims - military exercises; Mains GS-II IR and GS-III security.
Context	INS Trishul reached Toulon, France on 22 September 2026 for the 24th Exercise Varuna with the French Navy.
Key Facts	- India-France naval drills began in 1993; formally named 'Varuna' in 2001. - Enhances interoperability and Indo-Pacific maritime security. - France is a key strategic partner (Rafale jets, Scorpene submarines). - Complements exercises Shakti (army) and Garuda (air force).
Way Fwd	Deeper maritime coordination supports a free, open and rules-based Indo-Pacific.
Concept	India-France ties rest on a strategic partnership since 1998 .

India commissions its largest solar cell plant (7 GW) in Andhra

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

Syllabus Linkage	Prelims - renewable energy; Mains GS-III energy security & manufacturing.
Context	A 7 GW N-type TOPCon solar cell facility was commissioned at Naidupeta, Andhra Pradesh - India's largest - boosting domestic solar manufacturing.
Key Facts	■ Lifts the operator's capacity to 10.6 GW; capex about ₹3,293 crore. ■ Cuts import dependence, aiding the 500 GW non-fossil target for 2030. ■ TOPCon cells offer higher efficiency than standard PERC technology. ■ Supports PM Surya Ghar and domestic-content norms (ALMM).
Way Fwd	Scaling wafer and polysilicon making is the next step to a full domestic solar value chain.
Concept	MP hosts the Rewa and Agar solar parks; India targets 500 GW non-fossil capacity by 2030.

SECTION D PRELIMS RAPID-FIRE Quick facts: MP + national

- **Nomadic Elephant**: 18th India-Mongolia joint exercise began at **Pithoragarh** (Uttarakhand).
- **Maruti Suzuki** opened its first **green-hydrogen electrolyser** plant at **Manesar** (24 Sep).
- Defence Ministry signed a **₹810.79 cr** deal for **160 SAT-SAAW** smart anti-airfield weapons.
- **ZT Lalrithangi** of Mizoram named in the FAO's '**100 Women in Agrifood Systems**' list.
- Asian Games 2026 (**Aichi-Nagoya**): India's women's cricket team won **gold**, beating Sri Lanka by 147 runs.
- **Great Indian Bustard** recorded breeding under a new drive; wild population under **150**.

SECTION E PRACTICE CORNER MPPSC-pattern MCQs + Mains question

Q1. With reference to Project Cheetah, consider the following statements: (1) Cheetahs were declared extinct in India in 1952. (2) Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary is the second reintroduction site in Madhya Pradesh. (3) The cheetahs were sourced only from Australia. 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

Answer: (A). Cheetahs were brought from **Namibia and South Africa, not Australia**; hence statements **1 and 2 are correct while 3 is wrong**.

Q2. The 'Mukhyamantri Sugam Parivahan Seva', launched in September 2026, is associated with which state?

- (A) Rajasthan
(B) Madhya Pradesh
(C) Chhattisgarh
(D) Uttar Pradesh

Answer: (B). It is **Madhya Pradesh's revived public bus service, flagged off on 25 September 2026 after a 21-year gap**.

MAINS PRACTICE

'Reviving public bus transport and building grassroots sports infrastructure reflect a shift toward service-delivery-led governance in Madhya Pradesh.' Discuss with recent examples. (250 words)

Hint: Cover **Sugam Parivahan Seva** (351 buses, revival after 21 years), the **constituency-level sports complexes**, and **DBT welfare such as Ladli Behna**; link them to **accessibility, employment and inclusive growth**, and note **fiscal-sustainability concerns**.

ONE-LINE REVISION: Sugam Parivahan (351 buses, after 21 yrs) - MP Cabinet: sports complex in every seat (₹960 cr) - Project Cheetah 4 yrs, CCB2 at Gandhi Sagar - Ladli Behna 40th (₹1,835 cr) - Make in India @12 (FDI USD 843 bn) - India-NZ FTA in force 20 Oct.

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