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TODAY AT A GLANCE — 10 THINGS TO REMEMBER

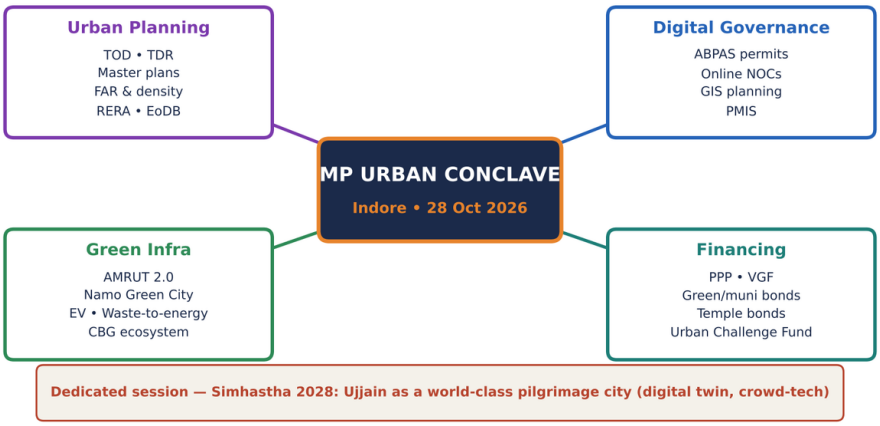
- MP Urban Conclave 2026 to be held at Indore's Brilliant Convention Centre on 28 Oct.
- MP Semiconductor Summit drew ~₹5,800 cr proposals and 10,000+ projected jobs.
- Soybean Bhavantar (PDPS under PM-AASHA) notified for kharif 2026; register on e-Uparjan.
- Ladli Behna 41st instalment: ₹1,834 cr to ~1.25 crore women.
- Project Cheetah: 5 cubs born at Kuno; India's cheetah count rises to 60.
- RBI hikes repo rate by 25 bps to 5.50%; stance turns 'calibrated tightening'.
- Defence Acquisition Council clears AoNs worth ~₹2.12 lakh crore, 82% Indian.
- Land Warfare Doctrine 2026 released, replacing the 2018 doctrine.
- Lula da Silva wins a fourth term in Brazil's 25 Oct run-off.
- 27 October marks Infantry Day (Shaurya Diwas); India finished 4th at the Asian Para Games.

SECTION A • MADHYA PRADESH SPECIAL

MP Urban Conclave 2026 in Indore to court urban-infrastructure investment

[MADHYA PRADESH] MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Governance) & GS-III (Economy)

Syllabus	MPPSC Mains GS-II Governance / GS-III Urban economy; Prelims — MP schemes, Indore, Simhastha, AMRUT 2.0
Context	The MP government will hold the **Urban Conclave 2026** at Indore's **Brilliant Convention Centre** on **28 October 2026** to attract investment into city infrastructure and new models of urban development.
Key Facts	• Led by **CM Dr Mohan Yadav**, with one-to-one investor meetings and project ground-breakings. • Themes: **Transit-Oriented Development (TOD)**, **Transferable Development Rights (TDR)**, **FAR**/density, **RERA** and ease of doing business. • Digital governance via **ABPAS**, online NOCs, **GIS**-based planning and **PMIS**. • Green push: **AMRUT 2.0**, **Namo Green City**, EVs, waste-to-energy and **CBG** ecosystem. • A dedicated **Simhastha 2028** session to develop **Ujjain** as a world-class pilgrimage city (digital-twin, crowd management).
Way Fwd	Blended financing — **PPP**, **municipal & green bonds**, temple bonds and **viability gap funding** — can make tier-2 city infrastructure bankable.
Concept	**AMRUT 2.0** (2021) targets water security & sewerage in all statutory towns; **TOD** concentrates dense, mixed-use growth around transit corridors.



MP Semiconductor Summit draws ₹5,800 crore in proposals at Indore

[MADHYA PRADESH] MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (Economy & Sci-Tech)

Syllabus	MPPSC Mains GS-III industry, investment, science & technology; Prelims — MP industrial policy, Indore-Ujjain corridor
Context	The two-day **MP Semiconductor Summit 2026** (**23–24 October**, Indore) positioned the state as an emerging electronics and chip-design hub, drawing over **1,000 delegates** from Japan, South Korea, Taiwan and Sweden.
Key Facts	• About **₹5,800 crore** in investment proposals with **10,000+** expected jobs. • Five firms received land letters of intent worth **₹9,625 crore** (**4,450+** direct jobs). • **MP Semiconductor Policy 2025** released in Japanese, Taiwanese and Korean editions. • New Centres of Excellence: **VLSI/chip design**, **Photonics & Quantum**, and **AVGC-XR**. • High-tech priority for the **Indore–Ujjain Economic Corridor**; MoUs with **SEMI India** and **SCL Mohali**.
Way Fwd	Linking the **Semicon India** programme with state skilling (Global Skill Park) can convert MoUs into fabs and sustained ESDM jobs.
Concept	**ESDM** = Electronics System Design & Manufacturing; **OSAT** = Outsourced Semiconductor Assembly & Test — the back-end packaging stage of chip-making.

MP SEMICONDUCTOR SUMMIT 2026 — INDORE (23–24 Oct)

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Investment proposals	Land-LoIs (5 cos)	Jobs expected	Global delegates	MoUs via MPSEDC

Semicon Policy 2025 (JP/TW/KR editions) • CoEs: VLSI, Photonics & Quantum, AVGC-XR • Indore–Ujjain Corridor

Soybean Bhavantar scheme notified to shield MP's kharif farmers

[MADHYA PRADESH] MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (Agriculture & Economy)

Syllabus	MPPSC Mains GS-III agriculture, MSP, farmer welfare; Prelims — PM-AASHA, PDPS, e-Uparjan, soybean
Context	The MP Cabinet cleared the **Soybean Bhavantar scheme** for **kharif 2026**, paying farmers the gap when mandi prices fall below **MSP** — operated under the **PDPS** window of the Centre's **PM-AASHA**.
Key Facts	• Farmers must register on the **e-Uparjan** portal by **17 October 2026**. • Eligible sale window: **22 October 2026 to 15 January 2027** in notified mandis. • Payout uses a **'model rate'** (14-day weighted average of mandi prices) against MSP. • Payment = registered area × previous year's **average productivity**; paid via **DBT** by the Mandi Board. • Oversight: a state committee under the **Chief Secretary** and district committees under **collectors**.
Way Fwd	Timely model-rate publication on the e-Mandi portal and leak-proof DBT are key so deficiency payments actually reach **'Soybean State'** growers.
Concept	**PDPS** (Price Deficiency Payment Scheme) compensates the MSP-market price gap without physical procurement, unlike price-support purchase operations.

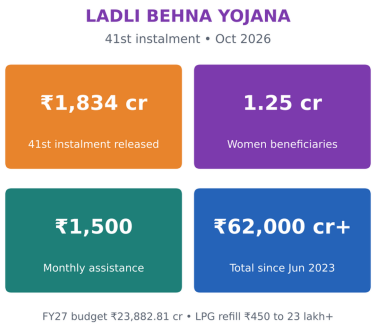
SOYBEAN BHAVANTAR (PDPS under PM-AASHA) — how the price gap is paid



Ladli Behna 41st instalment: ₹1,834 crore to 1.25 crore women

[MADHYA PRADESH] MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Social Justice & Women Empowerment)

Syllabus	MPPSC Mains GS-II welfare schemes, women empowerment, DBT; Prelims — MP flagship schemes
Context	CM Dr Mohan Yadav transferred the **41st instalment** of the **Mukhyamantri Ladli Behna Yojana** — **₹1,834 crore** to about **1.25 crore** women — alongside an LPG refill subsidy.
Key Facts	• Monthly assistance of **₹1,500**; over **₹62,000 crore** disbursed since **June 2023**. • FY **2026-27** budget allocation: **₹23,882.81 crore**. • Gas Cylinder Refill: **₹115.10 crore** to **23 lakh+** beneficiaries at **₹450** per refill. • About **65 lakh** women are in self-help groups; roughly **25%** are 'Lakhpati Didis'.
Way Fwd	Pairing cash transfers with SHG-based livelihoods and 'Lakhpati Didi' upskilling can turn income support into durable economic empowerment.
Concept	**DBT** routes benefits straight to bank accounts, cutting leakages; welfare cash transfers are a GS-II governance and social-justice theme.



State SPV set up for the Jabalpur–Indore Economic Corridor

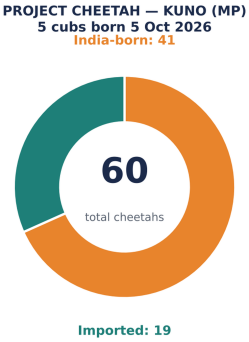
[MADHYA PRADESH] MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (Economy & Infrastructure)

Syllabus	MPPSC Mains GS-III infrastructure, industrial corridors, PPP; Prelims — MP investment regions
Context	The MP Cabinet approved a fully government-owned company — **Jabalpur-Indore Economic Corridor Development Company Ltd** — as a special purpose vehicle to develop the corridor's industrial and logistics zones.
Key Facts	• Initial paid-up capital of **₹100 crore** from the state government. • Powers: land acquisition, zoning, master planning, allotment, leasing and **monetisation**. • Planned: industrial, food & agro-processing, logistics, IT parks, **Global Capability Centres**. • Notified as an **Investment Region Agency** under the **MP Investment Region Act, 2013**.
Way Fwd	An empowered SPV with single-window clearances can speed land assembly, but forest-land diversion must meet afforestation and NPV rules.
Concept	An **SPV** is a ring-fenced company for a defined project; **economic corridors** cluster industry, logistics and urban nodes along transport spines.

Project Cheetah: five cubs at Kuno lift India's count to 60

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

Syllabus	MPPSC Mains GS-III wildlife conservation, biodiversity; Prelims — Kuno, Project Cheetah, MP as 'Tiger State'
Context	An Indian-born female, **KJP21**, gave birth to **five cubs** at **Kuno National Park (Sheopur, MP)**, taking India's cheetah population to **60**, of which **41 are India-born**.
Key Facts	• The cubs' father is a **Botswanan** male, starting a new lineage in India. • **KJP21** is the third India-born female to give birth, after **Mukhi** and **KGP12**. • Cheetahs were reintroduced under **Project Cheetah** from Namibia (2022) and South Africa (2023). • MP holds India's largest forest cover and is the **'Tiger State'**; **Gandhi Sagar** is a second cheetah home.
Way Fwd	Expanding prey base and a second viable population (Gandhi Sagar/Nauradehi) is essential for a self-sustaining metapopulation.
Concept	**Reintroduction** re-establishes a species in its historical range; the cheetah is the only large carnivore to have gone **extinct** in independent India (1952).



SECTION B • DATA POINT OF THE DAY

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Soybean State — MP's share of India's soybean

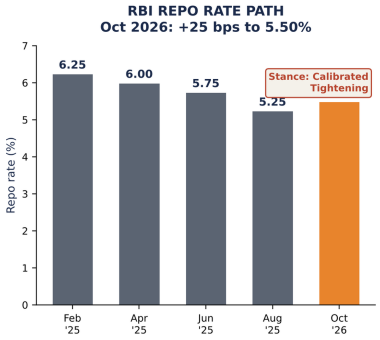
Madhya Pradesh is India's **largest soybean producer**, accounting for roughly **45%** of national output — the context for the new **Soybean Bhavantar** scheme for **kharif 2026**.

SECTION C • NATIONAL & WORLD

RBI raises repo rate to 5.50%, shifts to 'calibrated tightening'

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

Syllabus	MPPSC Mains GS-III monetary policy, inflation; Prelims — RBI, MPC, repo rate, policy stance
Context	The RBI's Monetary Policy Committee **hiked the repo rate by 25 bps to 5.50%** and changed its stance to **'calibrated tightening'**, signalling vigilance on inflation and festive-season demand.
Key Facts	• **Repo rate** is the rate at which the RBI lends to banks against government securities. • A higher repo rate makes borrowing costlier, cooling demand and **inflation**. • The **MPC** has six members and targets CPI inflation of **4% (±2%)**. • '**Calibrated tightening**' means rates can rise or hold, but cuts are off the table.
Way Fwd	The RBI must balance curbing inflation against growth and credit costs as global tariff and commodity risks persist.
Concept	Tools: **repo**, reverse repo, **CRR**, **SLR** and OMOs; the **MPC** was created after the 2016 amendment to the RBI Act for inflation targeting.



Karnataka releases final rolls after SIR; ECI defends CEC's tenure in SC

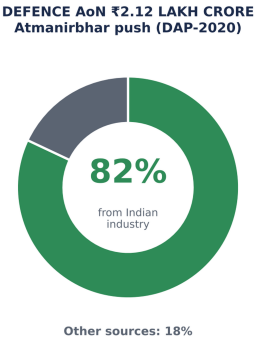
[POLITY] MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Polity & Constitutional Bodies)

Syllabus	MPPSC Mains GS-II Constitution, Election Commission, electoral reforms; Prelims — Article 324, SIR
Context	Karnataka published its **final electoral rolls** after a **Special Intensive Revision (SIR)**, even as the **Election Commission** filed an affidavit in the **Supreme Court** defending the **CEC's** removal safeguards.
Key Facts	• The SIR deleted about **1.07 crore** names; voters fell from **5.54 crore** to roughly **4.54 crore**. • Deletions included dead, duplicate and **shifted/not-found** voters. • The ECI says the **CEC** can be removed only like a **Supreme Court judge** under **Article 324(5)**. • Restoration of a deleted name requires **Form 6** under the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960.
Way Fwd	Transparent, auditable roll revision with grievance redress is vital to balance roll purity against the right to vote.
Concept	Under **Article 324**, the **ECI** superintends elections; the **CEC** enjoys security of tenure akin to a Supreme Court judge.

Defence Council clears ₹2.12 lakh crore AoNs; new war doctrine out

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

Syllabus	MPPSC Mains GS-III security, defence procurement, indigenisation; Prelims — DAC, AoN, DAP 2020
Context	The **Defence Acquisition Council**, chaired by **Rajnath Singh**, granted **Acceptance of Necessity (AoN)** for proposals worth about **₹2.12 lakh crore**, mostly from Indian industry; the **Land Warfare Doctrine 2026** was also released.
Key Facts	• About **82%** of the value is to be sourced domestically under **'Buy (Indian)'** categories (**DAP 2020**). • **AoN** is the first step of procurement and does **not** itself award a contract. • **Land Warfare Doctrine 2026** replaces the **2018** doctrine, covering drones, AI and multi-domain ops. • It was released at the **Army Commanders' Conference**.
Way Fwd	Converting AoNs into timely contracts and absorbing drone/AI capability is key to true self-reliance (**Atmanirbharta**) in defence.
Concept	The **DAC**, headed by the Defence Minister, is the apex body for capital acquisition; **AoN** begins the DAP procurement cycle (RFP → trials → contract).



Lula wins a fourth term as Brazil's President

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

Syllabus	MPPSC Mains GS-II India and the world, groupings; Prelims — Brazil, BRICS, current world leaders
Context	**Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva** won a **fourth** presidential term, defeating **Flavio Bolsonaro** in Brazil's **25 October 2026** run-off with **51.79%** of the vote.
Key Facts	• He is scheduled to be sworn in on **5 January 2027**. • Brazil is a key **BRICS** partner and a fellow major agricultural and soybean producer. • India–Brazil cooperate in **BRICS**, **G20**, **IBSA** and biofuels.
Way Fwd	Continuity in Brasilia supports India–Brazil ties on ethanol, defence and Global South coordination.
Concept	**BRICS** (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa + new members) is a key plurilateral grouping of major emerging economies.

AATAL air-quality lab launched under Mission Mausam

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

Syllabus	MPPSC Mains GS-III science & tech, pollution; Prelims — Mission Mausam, IITM, air quality
Context	Union Minister **Jitendra Singh** inaugurated **AATAL** — the Atmospheric Chemistry and Aerosol Toxicity Analysis Laboratory — at **IITM, New Delhi**, under **Mission Mausam**.
Key Facts	• Works with the **AIRWISE** system giving **72-hour** air-quality forecasts at **400-metre** resolution. • Helps identify pollution **sources** in the **Delhi-NCR** region. • Developed by **IITM Pune** under the **Ministry of Earth Sciences**.
Way Fwd	Source-specific, high-resolution forecasting can sharpen graded response (GRAP) and targeted pollution control.
Concept	**Mission Mausam** aims to make India 'weather-ready and climate-smart' with better observation, modelling and forecasting.

SECTION D • PRELIMS RAPID-FIRE

1 **Kuno National Park** (cheetahs) is in **Sheopur** district, **Madhya Pradesh**.	2 MP is called the **'Tiger State'** and the **'Soybean State'** of India.
3 The **repo rate** after October 2026 stands at **5.50%**.	4 **PM-AASHA** houses the **PDPS**, PSS and PDPS-type market intervention for farmers.
5 **Infantry Day** is observed on **27 October**, marking the 1947 landing at Srinagar.	6 India finished **4th** at the **Asian Para Games 2026** with **114 medals** (30 gold).

SECTION E • PRACTICE CORNER

With reference to the Soybean Bhavantar scheme recently approved in Madhya Pradesh, consider the following:
1. It operates under the PDPS window of PM-AASHA.
2. It compensates farmers through government physical procurement at MSP.
3. Registration is done on the e-Uparjan portal.
Which of the statements is/are correct?

(A) 1 and 2 only
(B) 1 and 3 only
(C) 2 and 3 only
(D) 1, 2 and 3

Ans: (B) The scheme runs under the **Price Deficiency Payment System (PDPS)** of **PM-AASHA** and uses the **e-Uparjan** portal. PDPS pays the price gap via **DBT** without physical procurement, so statement 2 is wrong.

Consider the following about Project Cheetah:
1. Cheetahs were first reintroduced at Kuno National Park from Namibia.
2. Kuno National Park is located in Madhya Pradesh.
3. The cheetah was declared extinct in India in 1952.
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Ans: (D) All three are correct. Cheetahs arrived at **Kuno (MP)** from **Namibia in 2022** (and South Africa in 2023); the species was declared **extinct in India in 1952**.

MAINS PRACTICE QUESTION

Q. Madhya Pradesh is positioning itself as an investment destination through sectoral summits and economic corridors. Examine the opportunities and challenges in making the state a hub for electronics/semiconductors and urban infrastructure. (250 words)

Hint: Cover the Semiconductor Summit (₹5,800 cr), MP Semiconductor Policy 2025, Indore–Ujjain & Jabalpur–Indore corridors, Urban Conclave themes; challenges — skilling, land/forest clearances, water/power, execution of MoUs.

⚡ QUICK REVISION BOX

Remember: Kuno (Sheopur, MP) cheetahs now 60 • Repo rate 5.50% • Soybean Bhavantar under PM-AASHA/PDPS • Ladli Behna 41st = ₹1,834 cr • MP Urban Conclave at Indore on 28 Oct.

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