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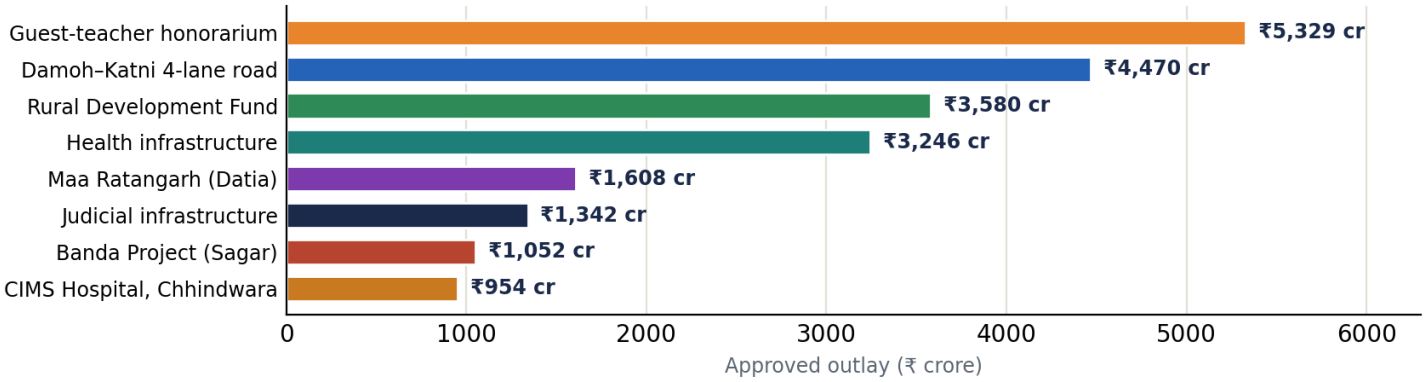
TODAY AT A GLANCE — 10 THINGS TO REMEMBER

- MP cabinet clears 20% ex-Agniveer quota in five uniformed services
- ₹24,500 cr MP welfare-plus-capex package approved on 29 Sep
- Guest-teacher honorarium: ₹5,329 cr for 76,000+ teachers
- Kanh Diversion duct (₹358 cr) cleared for Simhastha 2028
- Project Cheetah turns 4; India's count at 57 (Kuno 54)
- India's net FDI hits ₹/USD 7.35 bn in July — a 5-year high
- SEBI's new 'PRIM' route lets PMS invest in mutual funds
- Sagarmala arm floats India's first Blue Bond (₹600 cr)
- KAZIND-2026 India–Kazakhstan military drill begins
- TakeMe2Space to build India's first orbital data centre

SECTION A — MADHYA PRADESH SPECIAL

State schemes • policy • ecology • economy

MP Cabinet — Major Approvals in the ₹24,500 cr Package (29 Sep 2026)



Horizontal bar chart of major MP cabinet approvals within the ₹24,500 crore package.

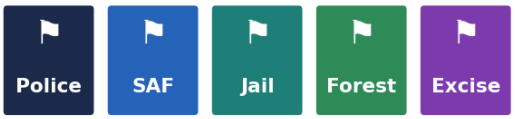
MP grants 20% reservation to ex-Agniveers in uniformed services

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

Syllabus Linkage	MPPSC Prelims (MP schemes & polity) + Mains GS-II — govt policies for vulnerable/service groups. Prelims pointer: **Agnipath/Agniveer** scheme.
Context	The **Mohan Yadav cabinet** on **29 September 2026** approved a **20% horizontal reservation** for ex-Agniveers in the state's uniformed services.
Key Facts	• **20% horizontal quota** in **Police Constable, Special Armed Force, Jail Guard, Forest Guard, Excise Constable** • Also **20% interest subsidy** on agriculture loans for Agniveers + recruitment age/physical relaxations • Part of the wider **₹24,500 crore** cabinet package • Flows from the central **Agnipath scheme (2022)** — **4-year** military tenure
Way Fwd	Eases **rehabilitation of Agniveers** after their 4-year tenure; several states have adopted similar quotas.
Concept	**Horizontal vs vertical reservation**; **Article 16** (equality in public employment); Agnipath scheme.

20% Ex-Agniveer Reservation

in five MP uniformed services



+ 20% agri-loan interest subsidy & recruitment relaxations

₹24,500 cr MP package: schools, hospitals, roads and irrigation

[POLITY] **MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Governance & Social Justice)**

Syllabus Linkage	Mains GS-II — welfare schemes & governance; GS-III — infrastructure & irrigation. Prelims: **DBT**, capital expenditure.
Context	The same **29 Sep** cabinet cleared over **₹24,500 crore** across education, health, roads and irrigation.
Key Facts	• **Guest-teacher honorarium ₹5,329.17 cr** (2026–31) for **76,000+** teachers; free uniforms via DBT **₹348 cr** (Classes 1–8) • **Health infra ₹3,245.80 cr** (2026–31); **CIMS Chhindwara ₹953.69 cr**; Singrauli hospital **450→605 beds** • **Damoh–Katni 4-lane road — 105.10 km, ₹4,470.30 cr** • **Rural Development Fund ₹3,580.22 cr**; judicial infra **₹1,342.48 cr**
Way Fwd	A **welfare-plus-capex** mix; several irrigation works feed **Simhastha 2028** readiness.
Concept	**DBT**; **capital vs revenue expenditure**; cooperative & competitive federalism.

Ujjain readies for Simhastha 2028; Kanh Diversion duct cleared

[MADHYA PRADESH] MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-I (Art, Culture & Geography)

Syllabus Linkage	Mains GS-I — MP art, culture, fairs & rivers; Prelims: **Jyotirlingas**, Kumbh sites, **Kshipra** river.
Context	The cabinet approved the **₹358.22 cr Kanh Diversion Closed Duct** to keep the **Kshipra** clean during **Simhastha 2028** at Ujjain.
Key Facts	• **Simhastha** is held every **12 years** at **Ujjain** on the **Kshipra** river • About **₹25,000 cr** infra; a **3,300-hectare** 'spiritual city' planned • **12–40 crore** devotees expected over the mela • **Mahakaleshwar** — one of **12 Jyotirlingas**; **Mahakal Lok** corridor already built
Way Fwd	River rejuvenation + crowd management as a model for mega-religious congregations.
Concept	**Char Kumbh** — Prayagraj, Haridwar, Nashik, Ujjain; **12 Jyotirlingas**; Kshipra basin.

Simhastha Kumbh 2028 • Ujjain



Project Cheetah turns four; India's cheetah count reaches 57

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

Syllabus Linkage	Mains GS-III — conservation & biodiversity; Prelims: **Kuno NP**, Chambal basin, IUCN/CITES.
Context	Launched **17 Sep 2022** at **Kuno** (Sheopur, MP), the world's first intercontinental large-carnivore translocation completed **four years**.
Key Facts	• **57 cheetahs** in India; **Kuno 54** (**17 free-ranging** + **37 in bomas**) • **Gandhi Sagar** sanctuary (Mandsaur/Neemuch) — **3** cheetahs (second home) • **9 Botswana cheetahs** arrived **Feb 2026**; India-born cubs since **Mar 2023** • India is the only country with the **cheetah, tiger, lion, leopard & snow leopard**
Way Fwd	Build a **metapopulation** across Kuno–Gandhi Sagar; MP is both the **'Tiger State'** and **'Cheetah State'**.
Concept	**In-situ conservation**; IUCN Red List; CITES; **Kuno** on the **Chambal** basin.

Project Cheetah — 4 Years

launched 17 Sep 2022 • Kuno (MP)

57	cheetahs in India
54	at Kuno N.P. (17 wild + 37 bomas)
3	at Gandhi Sagar (2nd home)
9	Botswana cheetahs (Feb 2026)

MP the farm powerhouse: 'Soybean State' drives Krishak Kalyan year

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

Syllabus Linkage	Mains GS-III — agriculture, MSP, cropping pattern; Prelims: **GI tags**, **Bhavantar** scheme.
Context	MP, which declared **2026 the 'Krishak Kalyan Varsh'**, leads India in soybean and pulses and runs record wheat MSP procurement.
Key Facts	• India's **largest soybean producer** — the **'Soybean State'** • Premium **Sharbati wheat** (**GI tag**, Sehore/Vidisha belt); top **gram (chana) & pulses** • Record wheat MSP procurement at **₹2,600+/quintal** • **Bhavantar Bhugtan** support for paddy; **Narmada** valley irrigation
Way Fwd	Diversify to pulses/oilseeds for **Atmanirbharta in edible oil**; strengthen FPOs and cold chains.
Concept	**MSP**; **Bhavantar Bhugtan Yojana**; **GI tag**; kharif vs rabi cropping.

MP — the Farm Powerhouse

Krishak Kalyan Varsh 2026

#1	soybean producer — 'Soybean State'
GI	Sharbati wheat (Sehore/Vidisha)
#1	gram (chana) & pulses basket
₹2,600+	wheat MSP/quintal, record buy

SECTION B — DATA POINT OF THE DAY

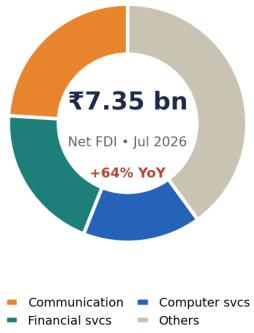
One number that matters

India's Net FDI — July 2026

₹/USD 7.35 billion

A **five-year high**, up **64% YoY**; gross inflows **USD 14.58 bn**. Communication, financial & computer services drew ~**60%** of equity.

India's FDI — where equity flows



India Macro Snapshot

RBI repo rate (neutral stance)	5.50%
GDP growth (FY26) (RBI projection)	6.5%
CPI inflation (RBI forecast)	3.1%
Net FDI (Jul'26) (5-yr high)	₹7.35 bn

SECTION C — NATIONAL & WORLD

Polity • economy • sci-tech • IR • defence

Pashudhan Bima Portal launched for digital livestock insurance

[POLITY] **MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (Agriculture & Animal Husbandry)**

Syllabus Linkage	Mains GS-III — allied sectors & farmer income; Prelims: **National Livestock Mission**.
Context	A **digital livestock insurance** platform under the **National Livestock Mission** was launched to speed up claims for cattle owners.
Key Facts	• Available in **11 regional languages** plus Hindi and English • Enables **digital application, real-time monitoring & faster claims** • Aligns with the govt's **doubling farmer income** push • Directly relevant to MP's large **dairy & cattle** economy
Way Fwd	Wider insurance penetration cushions farmers against **cattle-loss shocks**.
Concept	**National Livestock Mission**; risk-transfer & agri insurance; DigiLocker-style e-governance.

KAZIND-2026: 9th India–Kazakhstan military exercise begins

[DEFENCE] **MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II/III (IR & Security)**

Syllabus Linkage	Mains GS-III — security & joint exercises; GS-II — India–Central Asia ties. Prelims: bilateral exercises.
Context	The **9th edition** of **KAZIND** joint exercise began at **Oskemen (Ust-Kamenogorsk), Kazakhstan**.
Key Facts	• Held **28 Sep – 11 Oct 2026** • Indian contingent led by a **Garhwal Rifles** battalion (**60** members) • Focus: **counter-terrorism** in semi-urban & mountainous terrain • Strengthens India–Central Asia **strategic ties**
Way Fwd	Deepens defence diplomacy under the **India–Central Asia** framework.
Concept	Bilateral **joint military exercises**; India–Central Asia; SCO connect.

SEBI's new 'PRIM' route lets portfolio managers invest in mutual funds

[ECONOMY] **MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (Economy & Capital Markets)**

Syllabus Linkage	Mains GS-III — capital markets & financial regulators; Prelims: **SEBI**, PMS, mutual funds.
Context	**SEBI** opened a **PRIM** (Portfolio Managers investing in Mutual Funds) route to deepen and diversify PMS portfolios.
Key Facts	• PMS can now invest client funds in **mutual fund schemes** • Minimum ticket size stays **₹25 lakh** • Up to **10% of client AUM** in **investment-grade unlisted debt** • Also opens access to **IPOs & primary debt** issuances
Way Fwd	Balances **investor choice** with **prudential limits** on illiquid debt.
Concept	**SEBI** as market regulator; **PMS vs mutual funds**; AUM; investment-grade rating.

Sagarmala arm floats India's first Blue Bond (₹600 crore)

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

Syllabus Linkage	Mains GS-III — blue economy & sustainable finance; Prelims: **blue bond**, green shoe option.
Context	**Sagarmala Finance Corporation (SMFCL)** issued India's **first Blue Bond** to fund the **blue economy**.
Key Facts	• Target **₹600 crore** (**₹500 cr** base + green shoe) • **10-year** tenor; rated **AA+** • Proceeds fund **ports, shipping & coastal** projects • A milestone in India's **sustainable / thematic bond** market
Way Fwd	Channels private capital into **ocean-based sustainable growth**.
Concept	**Blue economy**; green vs blue bonds; **Sagarmala** programme; green shoe option.

India's first orbital data centre planned by TakeMe2Space

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

Syllabus Linkage	Mains GS-III — space & emerging tech; Prelims: **sun-synchronous orbit**, private space sector.
Context	Startup **TakeMe2Space** plans India's **first orbital data centre**, launching on a **SpaceX Falcon 9**.
Key Facts	• Two **100 kg satellites** to a **500 km sun-synchronous orbit** • Each carries **10 NVIDIA Thor GPUs**, **100 TB** storage, **1.5 kW** power • Linked via **optical inter-satellite links** • Target launch **~late 2028** — data processing in orbit
Way Fwd	Signals India's rising **private space** & in-orbit computing ambitions.
Concept	**Sun-synchronous orbit**; edge computing in space; IN-SPACe & private launches.

SECTION D — PRELIMS RAPID-FIRE

Quick facts: MP + national

Bodhana Sivanandan (11) becomes the **youngest-ever Woman Grandmaster** (England), at the **46th Chess Olympiad**, Samarkand.	**HAL–SkyPulse**: a **₹2,491 cr** framework for **30 light civil helicopters** (HEMS, disaster response, UDAN).
Air India climbs **27 places to 57th** at the **Skytrax World Airline Awards 2026**; **Singapore Airlines** is No. 1.	**9th India International Water Week 2026** held at **Bharat Mandapam**; theme '**Climate Resilient Water Management**'.
India finishes **10th** at **WorldSkills Shanghai 2026** with **6 silver** and **20 Medallions for Excellence**.	**30 September — International Translation Day** (feast of **St. Jerome**, patron of translators).

SECTION E — PRACTICE CORNER

2 Prelims MCQs + 1 Mains question

Q1. With reference to Project Cheetah, consider the following statements: 1. Kuno National Park lies in the Chambal river basin. 2. The first cheetahs introduced in 2022 were brought from South Africa. Which of the statements is/are correct?

(A) 1 only **(B)** 2 only **(C)** Both 1 and 2 **(D)** Neither 1 nor 2

Ans: A. Kuno is on the **Chambal** basin (Sheopur, MP), so 1 is correct. The **first 8 cheetahs (Sep 2022) came from Namibia**; South African cheetahs arrived in **Feb 2023**, so 2 is wrong.

Q2. The 'PRIM' route recently notified is associated with which of the following?

(A) Livestock insurance **(B)** Portfolio Managers investing in Mutual Funds **(C)** Blue bonds **(D)** Helicopter manufacturing

Ans: B. **PRIM** = **Portfolio Managers investing in Mutual Funds**, a new SEBI route with a **₹25 lakh** minimum ticket.

Mains Practice: Welfare-plus-capex state budgets, as seen in Madhya Pradesh's recent ₹24,500 crore cabinet package, must balance social spending with fiscal prudence. Discuss.

Hint: Use **DBT** efficiency, **capex multiplier**, revenue vs capital spend, and **FRBM** limits; link to MP's growth priorities.

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