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TODAY AT A GLANCE — 10 THINGS TO REMEMBER

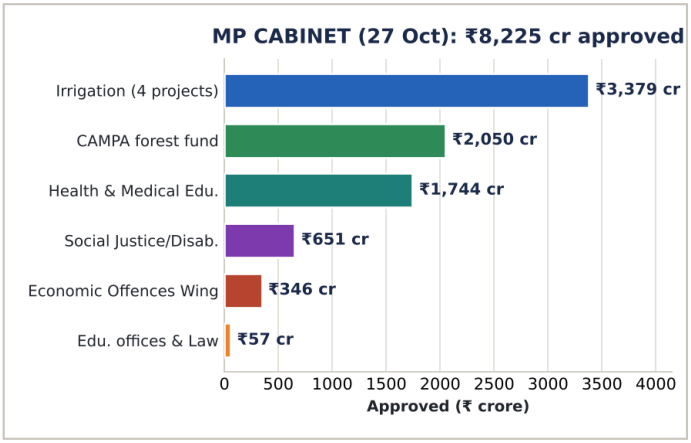
- MP Cabinet approves ₹8,225 crore (27 Oct): irrigation, CAMPA, health, welfare
- Ladli Behna 41st instalment — ₹1,834 crore to 1.25 crore women
- Project Cheetah: India's count hits 60 at Kuno; 41 India-born
- RBI hikes repo rate to 5.50%; near-term cuts 'off the table'
- Cabinet clears PM-VGSY — ₹7,395 crore for 2.55 lakh panchayats
- ₹10,000-crore scheme to make India a container-manufacturing hub
- Defence Ministry nod for 300+ K9 Vajra-T howitzers (~₹20,000 crore)
- India's Ramsar wetland tally rises to 103 with two new sites
- MP touts ₹12 lakh crore investment 'implemented' in 2.5 years
- 'Soybean State' MP leans on Bhavantar + MSP to shield oilseed farmers

SECTION A • MADHYA PRADESH SPECIAL

MP Cabinet clears ₹8,225 crore for irrigation, forests, health & welfare

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

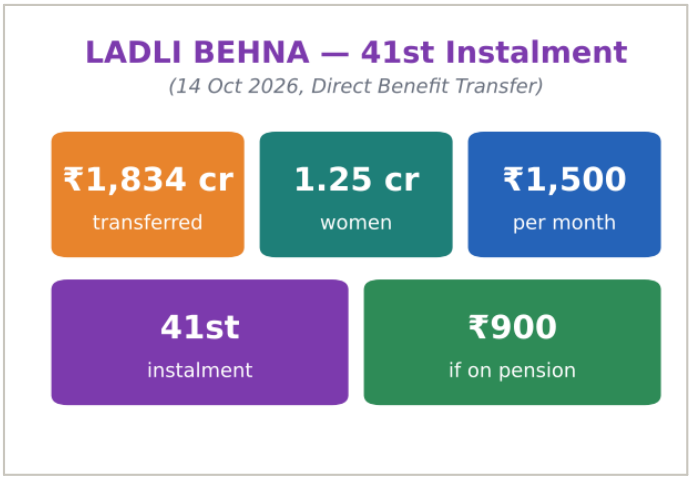
SYLLABUS	Prelims: MP schemes & state finances; Mains GS-III (irrigation, forest conservation), GS-II (welfare)
CONTEXT	The Mohan Yadav Cabinet on **27 October 2026** approved projects and proposals worth over **₹8,225 crore**, front-loading irrigation, afforestation, health and disability-welfare spending for the 2026-31 window.
KEY FACTS	● **₹3,378.69 crore** for **four irrigation projects** — led by the **Chhindwara Complex (₹2,611 cr; 1.90 lakh ha micro-irrigation)**, plus **Pench Diversion**, **Chentikheda (Morena)** and **Panchamnagar (Sagar-Damoh)** ● **₹2,050.03 crore** under **CAMPA** for 2026-27 — afforestation, village relocation from protected areas, urban forests ● **₹1,743.58 crore** for **Public Health & Medical Education** (2026-31) ● **₹651.25 crore** for **Social Justice & Disability Welfare**; **₹345.52 crore** for the **Economic Offences Wing**
WAY FWD	Timely tendering and fund-utilisation audits will decide whether this outlay becomes irrigated hectares and restored forest on the ground.
CONCEPT	**CAMPA**: fund under the **Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act, 2016** — money collected for diverting forest land is ploughed back into afforestation and forest-ecosystem restoration.



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

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

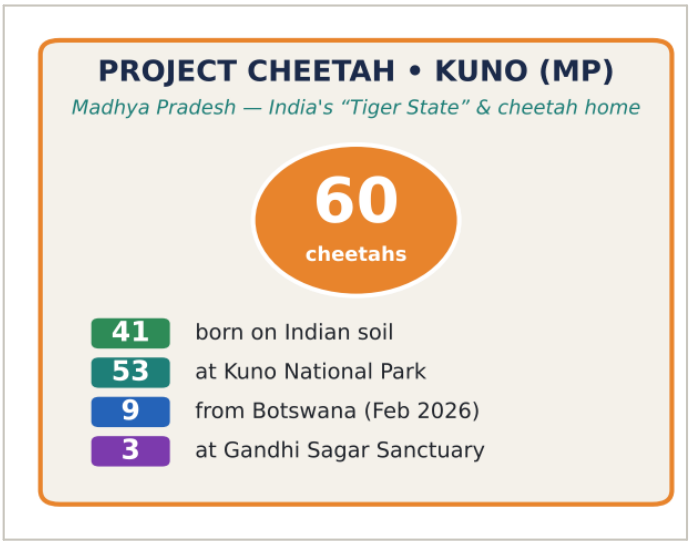
SYLLABUS	Prelims: MP flagship schemes; Mains GS-II (welfare for women & vulnerable sections, DBT)
CONTEXT	On **14 October 2026**, CM Mohan Yadav released the **41st monthly instalment** of the **Mukhyamantri Ladli Behna Yojana** from Umaria district, sustaining MP's largest direct-benefit scheme for women.
KEY FACTS	● **₹1,834 crore** transferred via **DBT** to about **1.25 crore women** ● Each regular beneficiary gets **₹1,500 a month** (raised to ₹1,500 from **Nov 2025**) ● Women drawing a social-security pension receive **₹900** under scheme rules ● Scheme launched **2023**; eligibility tied to age, income and residency criteria
WAY FWD	Fiscal sustainability and periodic beneficiary e-KYC verification remain central to the scheme's long-run credibility.
CONCEPT	**DBT (Direct Benefit Transfer)**: routing benefits straight to Aadhaar-seeded bank accounts to cut leakages — a recurring MPPSC governance theme.



Project Cheetah: India's cheetah count touches 60 at Kuno, 41 India-born

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

SYLLABUS	Prelims: MP wildlife & national parks; Mains GS-III (conservation, species reintroduction)
CONTEXT	After fresh 2026 litters, the Project Cheetah population at **Kuno National Park (Sheopur, MP)** has risen to about **60**, of which **41 were born in India** — a milestone for the world's first intercontinental large-carnivore translocation.
KEY FACTS	● **60 cheetahs** in India; **41 India-born**; about **53 at Kuno**, **3 at Gandhi Sagar WLS (Mandsaur-Neemuch)** ● Founders: **8 from Namibia (Sep 2022)**, **12 from South Africa (Feb 2023)**, **9 from Botswana (Feb 2026)** ● The latest litter introduced the **Botswanan genetic lineage** ● MP is the **'Tiger State'** and now India's cheetah stronghold
WAY FWD	Phased release into unfenced areas and a functional second home at Gandhi Sagar are needed to build a free-ranging metapopulation.
CONCEPT	**Project Cheetah**: launched 2022 to reintroduce the cheetah (declared **extinct in India in 1952**), coordinated by the **National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA)**.



'Soybean State' MP leans on Bhavantar + MSP to shield oilseed farmers

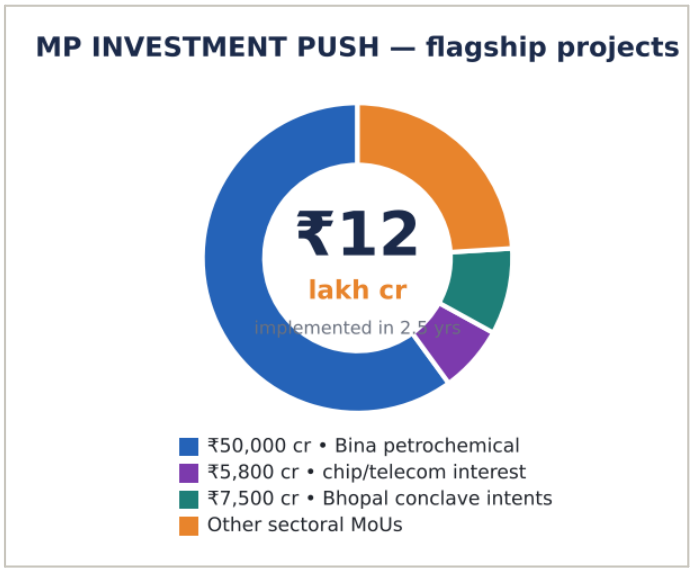
MADHYA PRADESH **MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (Agriculture & Economy)**

SYLLABUS	Prelims: MP agriculture & MSP; Mains GS-III (oilseeds, price-support, farm income)
CONTEXT	With soft soybean prices, **Madhya Pradesh** — the country's leading soybean grower — is combining central **MSP procurement** with its revived **Bhavantar Bhugtan** (price-deficit) model to protect farmers.
KEY FACTS	● MP is India's leading **soybean** producer — the **'Soybean State'** ● **Bhavantar Bhugtan Yojana** pays farmers the gap between **MSP** and market price ● The Centre approved **MSP procurement of soybean** for MP farmers this Kharif ● Other MP strengths: **Sharbati wheat**, gram/pulses, Narmada-valley farming
WAY FWD	Crop diversification, better storage and processing, and timely procurement can curb distress sales in the oilseed belt.
CONCEPT	**Price Deficiency Payment (Bhavantar)**: the government pays the difference between MSP and the modal market price instead of physically buying the crop.

MP pitches as investment hub: ₹12 lakh crore 'implemented', chip & petrochem bets

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

SYLLABUS	Prelims: MP industrial policy & GIS; Mains GS-III (investment, corridors, employment)
CONTEXT	CM Mohan Yadav says MP has 'implemented' investment proposals worth about **₹12 lakh crore** over two-and-a-half years, anchored by the **Bina petrochemical complex** and new semiconductor/telecom interest.
KEY FACTS	● About **₹12 lakh crore** of proposals 'implemented' in **2.5 years** (state claim) ● **Bina petrochemical project: ₹50,000 crore**, 22+ lakh tonnes/year output ● About **₹5,800 crore** semiconductor/chip & **Gwalior** telecom-manufacturing interest ● Regional Industry Conclaves and the **Global Investors Summit** drive the pipeline
WAY FWD	Converting MoUs into grounded projects and jobs — not just signed intentions — is the real test of MP's investment drive.
CONCEPT	**Global Investors Summit (GIS)**: MP's flagship investor-outreach platform, part of the shift from an agrarian to an industrial/services economy.



SECTION B • DATA POINT OF THE DAY

₹12 lakh crore

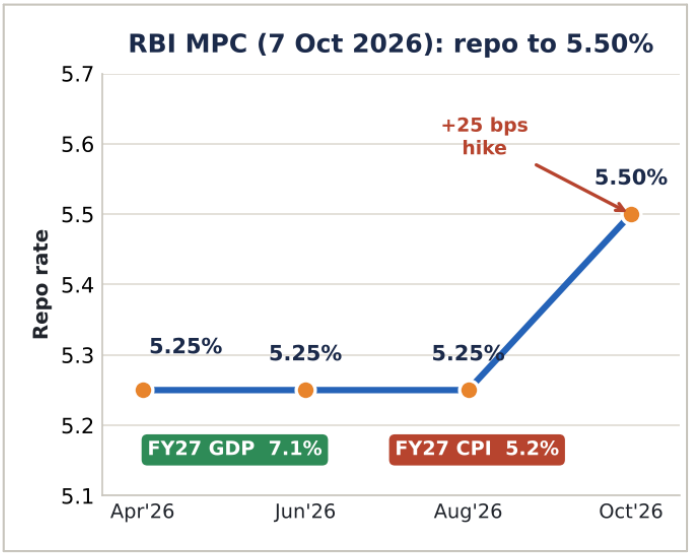
MP INVESTMENT 'IMPLEMENTED' IN 2.5 YEARS
Anchored by the ₹50,000-crore Bina petrochemical project (22+ lakh tonnes/year). A state claim — turning MoUs into grounded projects and jobs is the real test.

SECTION C • NATIONAL & WORLD

RBI hikes repo rate 25 bps to 5.50%; 'rate cuts off the table'

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

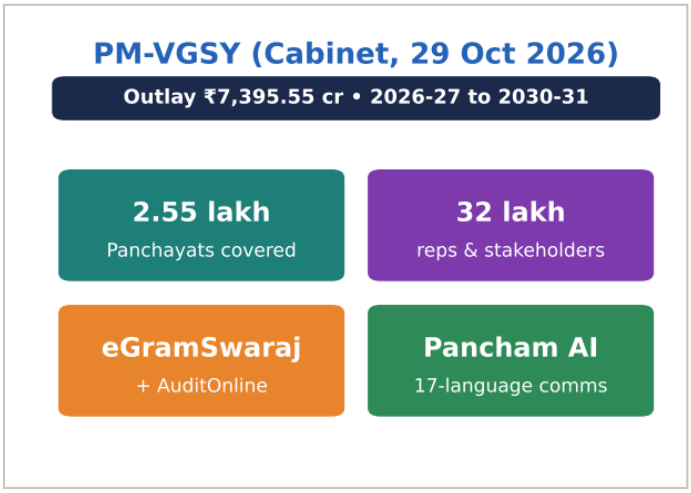
SYLLABUS	Prelims: monetary policy & RBI; Mains GS-III (inflation targeting, transmission)
CONTEXT	At its October 2026 review (announced **7 Oct**), the RBI's **MPC** raised the repo rate by **25 bps to 5.50%** and shifted its stance to **'calibrated tightening'**, citing oil, food and global risks.
KEY FACTS	● **Repo rate: 5.50%** (up from 5.25%); stance moved to **calibrated tightening** ● Governor **Sanjay Malhotra**: near-term rate cuts are **'off the table'** ● **FY27 GDP growth projected 7.1%**; **CPI inflation 5.2%** ● The **MPC** is a **6-member** body; inflation target **4% (±2%)**
WAY FWD	Markets will track oil prices and the monsoon's food-inflation effect to judge how long the tightening runs.
CONCEPT	**Repo rate**: the rate at which RBI **lends** to banks against securities — the key tool under **flexible inflation targeting** (RBI Act framework, since 2016).



Cabinet approves PM-VGSY: ₹7,395 crore to strengthen 2.55 lakh panchayats

POLITY MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Governance & Panchayati Raj)

SYLLABUS	Prelims: Panchayati Raj & centrally sponsored schemes; Mains GS-II (devolution, e-governance)
CONTEXT	The Union Cabinet on **29 October 2026** approved the **Pradhan Mantri Viksit Gram Swaraj Yojana (PM-VGSY)**, upgrading the Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan to build capacity across rural local bodies.
KEY FACTS	● Outlay **₹7,395.55 crore** (Centre ₹4,869 cr + State ₹2,526 cr), **2026-27 to 2030-31** ● Covers about **2.55 lakh panchayats** and **32 lakh** representatives/functionaries ● Uses **eGramSwaraj, AuditOnline** and **Pancham**, a 17-language AI comms platform ● Linked to **16th Finance Commission** rural local-body grants
WAY FWD	Genuine devolution of funds, functions and functionaries (3Fs) will decide whether capacity-building deepens grassroots democracy.
CONCEPT	**73rd Constitutional Amendment (1992)**: gave panchayats constitutional status; MP was an early adopter of a conforming Panchayati Raj Act and **PESA**.



₹10,000-crore scheme to make India a global shipping-container hub

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

SYLLABUS	Prelims: budget schemes & logistics; Mains GS-III (manufacturing, Atmanirbhar Bharat, trade)
CONTEXT	The Union Cabinet cleared the **Container Manufacturing Promotion Scheme (CMPS)** with a **₹10,000 crore** outlay to cut dependence on imported shipping containers and lift domestic output.
KEY FACTS	● Outlay **₹10,000 crore**; announced in **Budget 2026-27** ● Supports both **greenfield and brownfield** container units ● **₹859 crore** interest-subvention component (**3% interest subsidy** on term loans) ● Aims to reduce import reliance, where China dominates global supply
WAY FWD	Domestic capacity can lower logistics costs and support EXIM trade if backed by steel supply and port linkages.
CONCEPT	**TEU (Twenty-foot Equivalent Unit)**: the standard measure of container capacity, central to global trade logistics.

Defence Ministry clears 300+ more K9 Vajra-T howitzers (~₹20,000 crore)

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

SYLLABUS	Prelims: defence systems; Mains GS-III (defence indigenisation, Make in India)
CONTEXT	The Ministry of Defence granted **in-principle approval** to procure over **300 additional K9 Vajra-T** self-propelled howitzers, deepening artillery modernisation and domestic defence manufacturing.
KEY FACTS	● **300+ units**, estimated at over **₹20,000 crore** ● A **155 mm / 52-calibre** tracked self-propelled howitzer ● Built by **L&T (Hazira, Gujarat)** with **Hanwha Aerospace (South Korea)** ● Range about **40 km** (up to ~50 km); fires **3 rounds in under 15 seconds**
WAY FWD	Higher indigenous content and a domestic ammunition ecosystem will strengthen self-reliance in artillery.
CONCEPT	**Self-propelled howitzer**: an artillery gun on a tracked chassis for mobility — key for mechanised and high-altitude operations.

India adds two wetlands; Ramsar tally rises to 103 sites

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

SYLLABUS	Prelims: Ramsar sites & wetlands; Mains GS-III (wetland conservation, biodiversity)
CONTEXT	India's **Ramsar list** has grown to **103** with the addition of **Sukhna Wetland (Chandigarh)** and **Sauj Jheel (Mainpuri, UP)**, reinforcing wetland protection.
KEY FACTS	● India now has **103 Ramsar sites** — among the highest in Asia ● New additions: **Sukhna Wetland (Chandigarh)** and **Sauj Jheel (UP)** ● Ramsar Convention adopted **2 Feb 1971** (Ramsar, Iran); in force **1975** ● MP's Ramsar sites include **Bhoj Wetland (Bhopal)**, **Sakhya Sagar**, **Sirpur** and **Yashwant Sagar (Indore)**
WAY FWD	Designation must be backed by catchment management and pollution control to keep wetlands ecologically functional.
CONCEPT	**Ramsar site**: a wetland of international importance designated under the **1971 Ramsar Convention** for conservation and wise use; **World Wetlands Day = 2 February**.

SECTION D • PRELIMS RAPID-FIRE

1. MP is India's '**Tiger State**' and has the **largest forest cover by area**; Kuno NP lies in **Sheopur** district.	**2.** **CAMPA** operates under the **Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act, 2016**.
3. RBI's inflation target is **4% (±2%)** under **flexible inflation targeting**.	**4.** **K9 Vajra-T**: a **155 mm/52-cal** howitzer, made by **L&T** with **Hanwha (South Korea)**.
5. **Ramsar Convention** was signed on **2 Feb 1971** at Ramsar, Iran; **World Wetlands Day = 2 Feb**.	**6.** The **Narmada** is MP's longest river; **Bhoj Wetland (Bhopal)** is a Ramsar site.

SECTION E • PRACTICE CORNER

Q1. With reference to Project Cheetah, consider the following statements: (1) Kuno National Park is located in Madhya Pradesh. (2) The cheetahs brought to India in 2026 came only from Namibia and South Africa. (3) Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary is being developed as a second cheetah home. Which of the statements are correct?
(A) 1 and 2 only **(B)** 1 and 3 only **(C)** 2 and 3 only **(D)** 1, 2 and 3
Ans: B. Kuno NP is in MP (Sheopur). In February 2026, 9 cheetahs also arrived from Botswana, so statement 2 is wrong. Gandhi Sagar WLS (Mandsaur-Neemuch) is the planned second home, so 1 and 3 are correct.

Q2. With reference to the repo rate, consider the following statements: (1) It is the rate at which the RBI borrows from commercial banks. (2) It is decided by the Monetary Policy Committee. (3) In its October 2026 review the RBI raised it to 5.50%. Which of the statements are correct?
(A) 1 and 2 only **(B)** 2 and 3 only **(C)** 1 and 3 only **(D)** 1, 2 and 3
Ans: B. The repo rate is the rate at which the RBI LENDS to banks (not borrows), so statement 1 is wrong. The MPC sets it and raised it to 5.50% in October 2026, so 2 and 3 are correct.

MAINS PRACTICE. Madhya Pradesh is positioning itself at once as India's agricultural powerhouse and as an emerging industrial-investment destination. Examine the opportunities and challenges in balancing agrarian welfare with industrial growth in the state. (250 words)
Hint: Link soybean/wheat strengths and Bhavantar/MSP support; the fiscal load of welfare like Ladli Behna; CAMPA/forest and land-diversion constraints; and GIS, Bina petrochemical and chip investments — then weigh fiscal trade-offs, employment and sustainability.

TODAY'S THEMES MAPPED TO MPPSC GS PAPERS



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