

I. National & Governance

1. Census 2027: 33 Questions Notified for Phase 1

The Central Government has released **33 questions** for the first phase of **Census 2027**, focused on **Houselisting Operations**.

- **Timeline:** April 1 to September 30 (States/UTs).
- **Key Data Points:** House ownership, structure, facilities, community status, and household assets.
- **Process:** A 15-day self-enumeration window will be provided before the physical survey. Population enumeration follows in Feb 2027.

2. Parakram Diwas 2026

India celebrated the **129th birth anniversary** of **Subhas Chandra Bose** on January 23.

- **Significance:** Declared in 2021 to honor Netaji's role as the founder of the **Indian National Army (INA)**.
- **Theme:** Valour, discipline, and sacrifice.

3. MSME Procurement: GeM & WTC Mumbai MoU

The **Government e-Marketplace (GeM)** and **World Trade Centre Mumbai** signed a memorandum to boost public procurement access for MSMEs, startups, and women entrepreneurs.

- **Goal:** Enhance capacity building and green procurement under the **Atmanirbhar Bharat** initiative.
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II. Economy & Fintech

4. ZET Gets NPCI Nod for UPI-on-Credit

Bengaluru-based fintech **ZET** received the **TPAP (Third-Party Application Provider)** license from NPCI.

- **Innovation:** Users can now link **RuPay Credit Cards** for UPI transactions.
- **Strategic Move:** Integrates credit score monitoring and repayment management within the UPI ecosystem.

5. Payoneer India Receives RBI Approval

The RBI granted in-principle approval to **Payoneer India** to operate as a **Payment Aggregator - Cross Border (PA-CB)**.

- **Impact:** Simplifies inward and outward transactions for Indian exporters and importers.

6. RXIL: First TReDS Platform to Pay Dividend

Receivables Exchange of India Ltd (RXIL), promoted by SIDBI and NSE, declared a **21.6% interim dividend**.

- **Importance:** It is the first **TReDS (Trade Receivables Discounting System)** platform to reach this level of financial sustainability.
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III. Energy & Environment

7. Draft National Electricity Policy 2026

The Ministry of Power unveiled a new draft policy replacing the 2005 version to align with **Viksit Bharat @2047**.

- **Target:** Per capita electricity use of **2,000 kWh by 2030** and **4,000 kWh by 2047**.
- **Focus:** Net-zero goals and reducing distribution losses.

8. Carbon Market Expansion

The government added **208 new high-emission entities** (Refineries, Textiles, etc.) to the **Carbon Credit Trading Scheme**.

- **Total Coverage:** 490 industries now fall under this compliance framework.

9. Lucknow: UP's First 'Zero Fresh Waste Dump' City

Lucknow achieved **100% scientific processing** of municipal solid waste (2,100 MT/day) under **Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban**.

IV. Science, Tech & Defence

10. Military Quantum Mission Policy Framework

CDS **Gen. Anil Chauhan** released a roadmap to integrate **Quantum Communication and Computing** into the Indian Armed Forces.

- **Objective:** Civil-military fusion for technological dominance in the defense sector.

11. AI Training for Doctors (NBEMS)

Union Minister Anupriya Patel launched an AI training program for **50,000 doctors** to integrate AI into clinical care and diagnostics.

12. Global Conference on Green AI

Dubai will host the first International Conference on Green AI (Jan 24-25), focusing on AI applications for environmental sustainability.

V. Corporate & Appointments

13. Major Corporate Appointments

Name	Position	Organization
Ganesh Lakshminarayanan	MD & CEO	Tata Communications
Albinder Dhindsa	CEO	Eternal (Succeeding Deepinder Goyal)
Karunakaran Azhisur	Country Head	Guardian India

14. Tata Group's \$11 Billion AI City

Tata Group announced a massive investment near Navi Mumbai to build an Innovation City focused on AI and semiconductors.

15. Suzlon Sustainability Rank

Suzlon Group ranked in the Top 10 of the 2026 Global 100 Most Sustainable Corporations by Corporate Knights – the only Indian firm in the top 10.

VI. Art & Culture

16. 25th Bharat Rang Mahotsav

The world's largest theatre festival starts Jan 27, spanning 40 Indian cities and one country in each of the 7 continents.

- Scale: 277 productions across 228 languages.
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