1. Census 2027

- Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India: Mritunjay Kumar Narayan.
- Brand Ambassador: sand artist Sudarsan Pattnaik.
- National toll-free helpline: 1855 (operational since April 2026).
- Mascots: 'Pragati' and 'Vikas' (unveiled by Union Home Minister Amit Shah on 5 March 2026).
- 16th Census overall since 1872 (under Lord Mayo) and 8th after independence

2. Finance Ministry Constitutes High Level Committee on Banking for Viksit Bharat; Chairman: Suresh N. Patel

- The Ministry of Finance (Department of Financial Services – DFS) constituted a High Level Committee on Banking for Viksit Bharat under the Chairmanship of Suresh N. Patel to review the banking sector and prepare a roadmap aligned with Viksit Bharat 2047

3. Supreme Court Appoints Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai as Sole Mediator in KG-D6 Gas Disput (Krishna-Godavari Basin, Bay of Bengal)

- parties: Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) and partners BP and Niko vs the Union Government (Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas).

4. Defence Secretary: Rajesh Kumar Singh

5. Air India, SBI Card and Visa Announce Co-Branded Credit Card

6. City Union Bank and Mastercard Launch "Mastercard One Credential"

7. Vivek Kannan Appointed CEO of Hinduja Housing Finance

8. IRDAI Declares November 2026 as "Grievance Resolution Month"

- Insurance Ombudsman: governed by the Insurance Ombudsman Rules, 2017 (under Section 24 of the IRDA Act, 1999); run by the Council for Insurance Ombudsmen through 17 Ombudsman centres; handles claims up to ₹50 lakh.
- IRDAI: HQ Hyderabad, Telangana; established under the IRDA Act, 1999; Chairman: Ajay Seth (since August 2025).
- 100% FDI in insurance allowed under the Sabka Bima Sabki Raksha (Amendment of Insurance Laws) Act, 2025 (in force from 5 February 2026); LIC capped at 20% FDI; goal: "Insurance for All by 2047".

9. Air Chief Marshal Ashutosh Dixit Takes Over as 29th Chief of the Air Staff; Air Marshal Inderpal Singh Walia was named the next Vice Chief of the Air Staff (VCAS)

10. US and Japan Agree to Co-Produce AMRAAM Missiles in Japan ("Operation Supercharge")

11. Indian Navy Ships on Overseas Deployments: Mauritius, Italy and Sri Lanka

- INS Tarkash reached Port Louis, Mauritius, on 30 October 2026 to take part in the 192nd Aapravasi Diwas celebrations on 2 November 2026.
- INS Trishul concluded its port call at Civitavecchia, Italy
- The First Training Squadron (1TS) — INS Tir, INS Sujata and Indian Coast Guard Ship (ICGS) Sarathi — concluded a port call at Colombo, Sri Lanka (around 30 October 2026)

12. Prasar Bharati Engineer N.N. Singh Wins ABU Broadcast Engineering Excellence Award 2026

13. PM Inaugurates ₹325 Crore Bharat Bovine Breeding and Research Centre at Bhildi, Gujarat

14. UNEP(United Nations Environment Programme) Names India's Ganges River Dolphin Recovery Programme a World Restoration Flagship

- Project Dolphin was announced in 2020 under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC).
- Comprehensive Action Plan for Dolphin Conservation: 2022–2047.
- World Dolphin Day: 12 September ; National Dolphin Day: 5 October.
- UNEP: founded on 5 June 1972; HQ: Nairobi, Kenya; Executive Director: Inger Andersen; 193 member states.

15. Tripura Opens First Tea Auction Centre; Ranks 5th in Tea Production

- Tripura is the 5th-largest tea-producing State in India and 2nd in the North-East (after Assam).
- National tea production: Assam 1st (about 50%)

16. Maharashtra Approves Kolamarka Wildlife Sanctuary and Tansa Sanctuary Expansion

17. Barkap Riju Festival of the Kom Community, Manipur

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18. Rashtriya Ekta Diwas 2026: 151st Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel

- Given the title "Sardar" by the women of Bardoli during the Bardoli Satyagraha (1928).
- Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day) was observed on 31 October 2026, marking the 151st birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel (born 31 October 1875, Nadiad, Gujarat).
- On 31 October 2026, the PM dedicated the "Rain Forest" theme park at Ekta Nagar
- Statue of Unity: world's tallest statue (182 m, about 597 ft), at Kevadia (Ekta Nagar), Narmada district, Gujarat; inaugurated on 31 October 2018.

19. World Cities Day — 31 October; 2026 Theme: "Regenerating the City: Adequate Housing for All"; general slogan: "Better City, Better Life".

20. Manisha Bhanwala Becomes India's First Woman Senior World Wrestling Champion

- Senior World Wrestling Championships 2026 — Astana, Kazakhstan.
- Manisha Bhanwala won gold in the women's 59 kg category on 30 October 2026
- Manisha is the first Indian woman to win a Senior World Wrestling Championships title, and the second Indian wrestler overall after Sushil Kumar (men's 66 kg, 2010).

21. Arshdeep Singh First Indian to 150 T20I Wickets; Rashid Khan First to 200

- Arshdeep Singh became the first Indian bowler to take 150 wickets in men's T20 Internationals (T20Is), in his 103rd T20I — the 4th T20I against New Zealand at Eden Park, Auckland, on 30 October 2026; his 150th wicket was NZ captain Mitchell Santner.

22. MCA (Mumbai Cricket Association) Team C Wins Inaugural Captain Diana Trophy (Women's T20)

- Awards:
  - Player of the Tournament: Hurley Gala (113 runs and 1 wicket).
  - Best Batter: Siya Modi (121 runs; also Emerging Player).
  - Best Bowler: Ashwini Nishad (4 wickets).
  - Best Fielder: Sharvi Save (2 run-outs).

23. 26th IIFA Awards: "Dhurandhar" Wins Best Film and 12 Awards

- Winners of the 26th International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) Awards (2026) were announced (reported 30 October 2026) without a physical ceremony.
  - Best Film: "Dhurandhar" (won 12 awards in all).
  - Best Director: Aditya Dhar (*Dhurandhar*).
  - Best Actor (Male): Ranveer Singh (*Dhurandhar*).
  - Best Supporting Actor: Sanjay Dutt (*Dhurandhar*).
  - Best Negative Role: Akshaye Khanna (*Dhurandhar*).
  - Best Actress: Aneet Padda (*Saiyaara*).
  - Best Supporting Actress: Huma Qureshi (*Jolly LLB 3*).
  - Best Female Debut: Rasha Thadani (*Azaad*); Best Male Debut: Ahaan Panday (*Saiyaara*).
  - Best International Film: "Avatar: Fire and Ash".

24. Sunil Bharti Mittal, Chairman, Bharti Enterprises, was conferred Chevalier (Knight) of the Légion d'honneur, France's highest civilian honour.

25. New Books Released

- "To Bishan with Love and Celebrating a Lifetime of Memories" — compiled by Anju Bedi (widow of Bishan Singh Bedi); released jointly by Capt. Amarinder Singh and Kapil Dev [Unverified].
  - Bishan Singh Bedi: 67 Tests (266 wickets) and 10 ODIs (7 wickets) — 273 international wickets.
- "The Relentless Sprinter" — Basu Shanker, former Head Strength & Conditioning Coach, Indian cricket team; foreword by Rahul Dravid [Unverified].
- "Arguments with Gandhi" — Ramachandra Guha; launched at the India International Centre, New Delhi (early October 2026).
- "Without Fear or Favour" — memoir of Justice (Retd.) Sanjay Kishan Kaul, former Supreme Court judge (released around 28 October 2026).

26. Sir Patrick Stewart, English actor known for playing Captain Jean-Luc Picard in *Star Trek* and Professor Charles Xavier in the *X-Men* films, died

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Important Questions and Answers

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