

# Economic Census

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## Why was it in the news?

- The Seventh Economic Census was launched in the National Capital Territory of Delhi

## What is this?

- Counting all entrepreneurial units in the country which are involved in any economic activities of ***either agricultural or non-agricultural sector*** which are engaged in production and/or distribution of ***goods and/or services*** not for the sole purpose of own consumption.
- In 1976, GoI launched a planning scheme called Economic Census and Surveys.
- It provides detailed information on operational and other characteristics such as number of establishments, number of persons employed, source of finance, type of ownership etc.
- This information is used for micro level/ decentralized planning and to assess contribution of various sectors of the economy in the GDP.

## Specialty of 7th Economic census

- The Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation (MoSPI) has ***tied up with Common Service Centre (CSC)*** to carry out the 7th National Economic Census.
- For the first time the entire Census is being conducted on a ***digital platform*** by the use of an application which will ensure high accuracy and data security.