



Census self-enumeration trial run to begin today

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The efficacy of the self-enumeration module for the first phase of Population Census 2027 will be tested from Saturday with enumerators visiting the homes of prominent citizens in their areas and helping them fill the details on a website, a senior government official told The Hindu.

Population Census – 2027

Notification: Conduct of Population Census-2027 will be published in the official gazette, as per **Section 3 of the Census Act, 1948.**

The Census will be conducted in two phases: Phase I – House listing: Details of all buildings, permanent or temporary, are noted with their type, amenities, and assets; Phase II – Population enumeration: Detailed information on each individual residing in the country, Indian national or otherwise noted along with their caste.

Census will include caste enumeration, marking the first official collection of caste data since the 1931 exercise. This will be the country's first digital census.

Census in India

- **Constitutional mandate:** Article 246 of the Constitution (7th schedule Union List entry 69).
- **Legal provisions:** India's census is conducted under the provisions of the **Census Act, 1948** and the Census Rules, 1990.
- **Head:** Census organization headed by the **Registrar General** and Census Commissioner.
- The Census will be 16th decennial Census of India since 1872 when the first systematic Census was conducted throughout the country.
- This will be the 8th successive exercise conducted after Independence.
- The first synchronous census in India was conducted in 1881 under the leadership of W.C. Plowden, and it became regular exercise.