

Press Release

Training to Master Trainers for the first phase of Census of India 2021
(Houselisting and Housing Census and Updation of National Population
Register(NPR)-2020)

Organised by Directorate of Census Operations, Tamil Nadu

Venue: Anna Institute of Management, Chennai

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Census 2021 is the 8th Census after Independence and the 16th in the unbroken series since 1872. The first Census in India was conducted in 1872. A synchronized Census with comparable census data collection was carried out in 1881. Since then Census has been conducted every ten years, without a break despite various types of calamities that occurred in the country.

The post independence Census in India has been done once in ten years under constitutional provisions by notification under Census Act 1948. **The Census 2021** and updation of NPR is being conducted in two phases, namely (i) Houselisting and Housing Census and (ii) Population Enumeration. During the first phase, ie. Houselisting and Housing Census the status of housing stock, amenities and assets available to the households are identified and systematically listed in the schedule canvassed in forty five (45) days time during the period from April to September, 2020 in different States/Union Territories depending upon local conditions.

National Population Register (NPR 2020) of all the usual residents in the country was created in the 2010. The NPR is being undertaken under the provisions of The Citizenship Act, 1955 and the Citizenship Rules, 2003. The data collection was undertaken along with the Houselisting and Housing Census phase of Census 2011. The NPR data base has been updated during 2015-16 to make a comprehensive resident database. Now, the Government has decided to update the NPR database along with Houselisting and Housing Census Phase of Census 2021 during April –September 2020. First time in the history of Census, mobile apps are being used in the fieldwork for the purpose of data collection and a web portal has also been developed for monitoring the Census activities.

Training to Master Trainers are being provided through the National Trainers. National trainers are from the Directorate of Census Operations, Tamil Nadu and faculties from the Anna Institute of Management ,Chennai who were trained in The Office of the Registrar General, India, New Delhi. All the Master trainers are officers from the Department of Economics and Statistics from all the districts of Tamil Nadu, who in turn will train the Field Trainers. Field trainers will be subsequently imparting training to the enumerators. Training cascade for Master Trainers includes Direct Training Skills module which enhances the training skills and other basic concepts of Census and NPR 2020.

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