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The Population Census 2027, the first digital and caste-enumerating Census in independent

Why in news: The Population Census 2027 is significant as it marks the first digital and caste-enumerating census in independent India.

REMEMBER

- Population Census 2027 is the first digital census in independent India.
- Housing Listing Operations (HLO) concluded on September 30, 2026.
- Self-enumeration for the census is available from August 17 to August 31, 2026.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the significance of digital census enumeration and the inclusion of caste data in planning socio-economic development in India.

USE: Digital Census Demographic profiling

Socio-economic planning Data integrity

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/103890

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Supreme Court rules direct communication essential for every arrest in India

Why in news: The Supreme Court ruled in *Vihaan Kumar v. State of Haryana* that direct communication of arrest grounds to the individual is mandatory to prevent arbitrary use of power.

REMEMBER

- Article 22(1) guarantees the right to be informed of grounds of arrest and to consult a legal practitioner.
- Section 50 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) mandates informing the person of the grounds of arrest.
- The Supreme Court is the highest judicial body in India, exercising judicial review over executive actions.

MAINS ANGLE Critically examine the importance of procedural safeguards during arrest in ensuring the protection of fundamental rights against arbitrary state action.

USE: Arbitrary power Procedural safeguards Due process

Judicial review

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Bill Strips States of Mineral Tax Power, Leaving 11 Affected Regions in Fiscal Limbo

Why in news: The Lok Sabha passed the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2026, which restricts states' power to tax mineral rights, impacting federal fiscal autonomy.

REMEMBER

- Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2026
- The bill affects 11 states including Jharkhand, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, West Bengal, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, and Madhya Pradesh.
- The bill nullifies mineral tax arrears dating back to 2005.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the implications of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2026, on the fiscal federalism and revenue-sharing dynamics between the Centre and States.

USE: Fiscal Federalism Revenue Autonomy Mineral Rights

Centralization

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U.S. Report Names Pune-Gujarat-Chennai Belt in 'Great Transshipment Scam'

Why in news: The White House released a report naming India's Pune-Gujarat-Chennai belt as a hub for illegal transshipment to help China evade U.S. tariffs.

REMEMBER

- The U.S. imposed a 10% tariff on India for failing to curb forced labor imports.
- The Pune-Gujarat-Chennai belt was specifically identified as a transshipment hub.
- The report identifies over 40 countries associated with illegal transshipment risks.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the impact of trade-related allegations and tariff impositions on India's 'Make in India' initiative and its bilateral trade relations with the United States.

USE: Trade Evasion Supply Chain Integrity Tariff Imposition

Geopolitical Friction

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Prime Minister Tarique Rahman of Bangladesh will visit India for bilateral talks

Why in news: PM Tarique Rahman of Bangladesh is scheduled to visit India for bilateral talks to reset strained ties and revive stalled infrastructure projects.

REMEMBER

- Agartala-Akhaura rail-link: Connects Northeast India with Bangladesh.
- India extended \$8 billion in Lines of Credit to Bangladesh between 2009-2019.
- Dinesh Trivedi: Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the significance of infrastructure connectivity in strengthening India's 'Neighborhood First' policy with Bangladesh.

USE : Neighborhood First Cross-border connectivity

Lines of Credit Strategic autonomy

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SEBI Allows OBPPs to Offer Products Regulated by RBI IRDAI IFSCA PFRDA

Why in news: SEBI has expanded the scope for Online Bond Platforms (OBPPs) to offer products regulated by multiple financial bodies, aiming to deepen the capital markets.

REMEMBER

- SEBI: Securities and Exchange Board of India, regulates the securities market.
- IRDAI: Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India.
- IFSCA: International Financial Services Centres Authority.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss how the expansion of Online Bond Platforms (OBPPs) can enhance retail participation in the Indian debt market and the regulatory challenges involved.

USE : Capital Market Regulatory Framework

Financial Inclusion Asset Allocation

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/104176

Turkey, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia Sign Mutual Defence Pact Mirroring NATO's Article 5

Why in news: Turkey, Pakistan, and Saudi Arabia signed a mutual defence pact where an attack on one member is considered an attack on all, mirroring NATO's Article 5.

REMEMBER

- NATO Article 5: A collective defense clause stating that an attack against one member is an attack against all.
- Signatories of the new pact: Turkey, Pakistan, and Saudi Arabia.
- The pact emphasizes cooperation in the defense industry for technological and military advancement.

MAINS ANGLE Analyze the implications of emerging trilateral defense pacts in West Asia and Central Asia on regional security architecture and India's 'Neighborhood First' policy.

USE : Collective Defense Regional Security

Defense Diplomacy Strategic Alignment

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/104079

Youth Unemployment Soars to 16.2%, Young Women Face 20.7% Job Hunt Struggles

Why in news: The Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) reported a significant spike in youth unemployment, highlighting a widening gender and urban-rural divide in the job market.

REMEMBER

- Youth unemployment rate in India reached 16.2% in June 2026.
- Urban youth unemployment (18.2%) is higher than rural youth unemployment (15.1%).
- Female youth unemployment (20.7%) is significantly higher than male youth unemployment (14.6%).

MAINS ANGLE Analyze the factors contributing to the widening gender and urban-rural gap in youth unemployment in India and suggest measures to enhance inclusive job creation.

USE : structural unemployment gender disparity

demographic dividend skill mismatch

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Everything else, one line each

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India Registrar notifies 40 census questions for September 1 start in snow-bound areas

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Madras High Court to play Vande Mataram before national anthem during Independence Day 2026 celebrations

Arunachal Pradesh Scraps 80:20 Reservation, Mandates Indigenous Language Proficiency

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India Suspends Indus Waters Treaty with "Terror-Harboring" Pakistan on Independence Eve

Supreme Court to Hear MP Rahim's Petition on Unconstitutional Facial Recognition Use Against Protesters

Supreme Court Halts Jobs Order for Karur Stampede Victims, Quashes Gandhi Hate Speech Case

Karnataka proposes bill requiring permission for events on public property

The Haryana Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls is causing issues

Kerala hikes caregiver aid to ₹1,000 from ₹600

India views Pakistan as greatest threat: 54% in Pew survey distrust neighboring nation

Andhra Minister: Nearly Half State Overweight, Plans Joint Task Force

Indian Abroad Attacks Rise to 104 in 2025, Mostly in US, UAE, UK, Canada

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Sebi Proposes Credit Risk-o-Meter with Six Color Codes to Simplify Ratings for Investors

DRDO faces PMO-directed reforms to become leaner and compete in AI by 2026

Magnetic snaps power 93% of corona's heat, debunking energy loss mystery

Sebi Proposes Video-Based KYC for Foreign Clients, Seeks Public Comments

Defence Ministry Signs Rs 1,577-Crore Loiter Munition Deal For Army

India launches Crude Sunflower Oil futures contract on MCX

On India's 80th Independence Day, Russian cosmonauts Pyotr Dubrov, Anna Kikina

Kashmiri Pandit workers sent on leave after Lashkar-e-Taiba threats, police investigate

India Spends \$13,302 Per Kg to Launch Payloads, Most Among Major Space Nations

Human factors, not climate change, worsened Assam floods, killing 103

Germany Unveils World's First Wooden Wind Turbine Blades, Cuts CO2 by 78%

Write one answer today

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USE :

Digital Census

Demographic profiling

Socio-economic planning

Data integrity



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