Training of Master Trainers for Population Enumeration (Phase II) of Census 2027 held at YASHADA, Pune

State-level residential training program held in two sessions during 28th October to 5th November, 2026

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A four-day residential training program on Population Enumeration (Phase II) of Census 2027 concluded today at the Yashwantrao Chavan Academy of Development Administration (YASHADA), Pune. A total of 120 Master Trainers from the six Revenue Divisions of Maharashtra State, along with 28 officials of the Directorate of Census Operations (DCO), Maharashtra took part in the training, which was held in two sessions of 2 batches each. The first session (Batches I and II) held from 28th to 31st October, and the second session (Batches III and IV) held from 2nd to 5th November 2026.



Batch I and II held from 28th to 31st October 2026

Master Trainers nominated from the State Government of Maharashtra have been nominated by the State Census Nodal officer & Principal Secretary, School Education and Sports Department, Govt. of Maharashtra which include officers from the revenue administration, municipal bodies, education and training institutions and technical institutions. The Master Trainers were trained by the National Trainers from the DCO, Maharashtra.

The training combined theory, demonstrations and practice, covering Census concepts, the Population Enumeration questions (Questions 1 to 40), the PE Mobile App, self-enumeration and Enumeration Block layout maps. Participants also practiced training skills through micro-teaching, role-plays based on the *PRAMAN* framework and a field visit to collect data.

Addressing the participants, Dr. Nirupama J. Dange, Joint Secretary to GoI & Chief Principal Census Officer, Maharashtra highlighted the importance of the role of Master Trainers in the upcoming Census and mentioned that administrative and technical support must continue until the completion of field operations. She stated, “The first phase of the Census, namely, ‘House Listing and Housing Census’, has been completed very successfully across the state. Now, the second phase, ‘Population Enumeration’, which involves the actual collection of information about citizens, is about to commence. In this phase, the responsibility of Master Trainers is not limited merely to imparting

classroom training. They must remain continuously associated with the entire process, supporting field operations right up to the final day of the Revisional Round.” Elaborating on their responsibilities, Chief Principal Census Officer, Maharashtra explained that these trained Master Trainers would subsequently guide the Field Trainers across the state, who, in turn, would train and support approximately 2.82 lakh field personnel (Enumerators and Supervisors) engaged in door-to-door data collection.



Batch III and IV held from 2nd to 5th November 2026

Chief Principal Census Officer, Maharashtra also emphasized that the primary supervisory responsibility of Master Trainers would be to provide strong support to field personnel, resolve difficulties encountered while using the mobile application, address their queries and ensure that Enumerators record accurate and error-free information by adhering to the work culture of ‘*PRAMAN*’.

The Population Enumeration (Phase II) of Census 2027 will be conducted across Maharashtra from 25th January to 28th February 2027, followed by a revisional round from 1st to 5th March 2027, as notified by the Central Government vide S.O. 5913(E) dated 30th October 2026. Self-enumeration will be held from 10th to 24th January 2027, just before house-to-house enumeration begins, and the reference date is 00:00 hours of 1st March 2027.

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