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Training of Master Trainers for the House-Listing Operations of Census 2027

The Training of Master Trainers of the state of Meghalaya for Phase-I which is the House-Listing Operations (HLO) of Census 2027 is being conducted from 10th March 2026 to 13th March 2026 for four days at the Meghalaya Administrative Training Institute (MATI), Mawdiangdiang.

Organized by the Directorate of Census Operations Meghalaya, Ministry of Home Affairs with the support of the State Government of Meghalaya, this training programme aims to equip select officers of the Directorate and of the state government with in-depth knowledge of HLO concepts, digital data collection procedures and monitoring mechanisms.

The training is being imparted by Aiborlang Sanglyne Basan, Deputy Director and Donboklang Syiemsadd, Assistant Director of Census Operations Meghalaya who are the National Trainers for the state of Meghalaya. A total of ten Master Trainers (6 from the State Government and 4 from the Directorate of Census Operations Meghalaya) are being trained in this programme. The Master Trainers will then impart training to 208 Field Trainers across the districts of the state.

Dr. Pooja Pandey, IAS, Commissioner & Secretary, Home (Police), Government of Meghalaya who is also the State Nodal Officer for Census inaugurated the training programme in the presence of Shri. Subhashish Chatterjee, Joint Director and Shri. Biju Basumatary, Deputy Director of DCO Meghalaya. The officer provided valuable insights, impetus and direction for the census to be conducted in the state of Meghalaya. The officer informed that the House Listing Operation is the foundational phase of Census 2027 and involves the systematic enumeration of every Building and Census House, household amenities and other related details. The Master Trainers trained during this programme will subsequently cascade the training to the Field Trainers who will in turn train Enumerators and Supervisors.

The Census of India 2027 will be conducted in two phases: Phase I — House Listing and Housing Census, and Phase II — Population Enumeration. There shall also be an option of Self-Enumeration in this ensuing census. Phase I – House Listing and Housing Census of Census 2027 for the state of Meghalaya will be conducted from 16th May 2026 to 14th June 2026 for a period of 30 days. The public will also have the option of Self-Enumeration (SE) through a dedicated web portal from 1st May 2026 to 15th May 2026 for a period of 15 days. The second phase, which is the Population Enumeration of the Census, will be conducted in February 2027.

The commencement of this training marks the start of a historic journey for Meghalaya and its people as this will be the first ever first Digital Census of India where digital tools, apps and portals will be used extensively to conduct and monitor the census. The Census of India being one of the largest administrative exercises in the world and a source of accurate statistics for policy making for both the Central and State Government as well as public stakeholders, the wholehearted participation of the general public is exhorted in the forthcoming exercise to ensure the success of Census 2027 so that each and every individual of the state is covered in this prestigious exercise.

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