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CABINET CLEARS POPULATION REGISTER UPDATE, CENSUS 2021

Alphabet soup simmers: CAA through, NRC hanging and now NPR from April

Registration mandatory, individual details on 21 points

HARIKISHAN SHARMA
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 24

AMID NATIONWIDE protests over the Citizenship (Amendment) Act and the proposed National Register of Citizens, the Union Cabinet Tuesday approved a proposal for conducting Census of India 2021 at a cost of Rs 8,754.23 crore and updation of the National Population Register (NPR) at a cost of Rs 3,941.35 crore.

Briefing the press, Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar said "no proof, no documents, no biometric" will be required for the NPR and sought to delink it from the proposed NRC. "Iska dur dur tak NRC se kuchh bhi sambandh nahin hai."

While the Census will cover the entire nation, the NPR exercise will be conducted in all states except Assam where the NRC exercise was conducted recently — and the final list



Ministers Prakash Javadekar, Piyush Goyal on Tuesday. PTI

NEW DETAILS BEING SOUGHT

- Aadhaar number (voluntary)
- Mobile number
- Date & place of birth of parents
- Place of last residence
- Passport number (if holder of Indian passport)
- Voter ID card number
- Permanent Account Number
- Driving licence number

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Shah says no NPR-NRC link, his Govt linked it 9 times in House

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 24

UNION HOME Minister Amit Shah Tuesday drew a distinction between the National Population Register (NPR) and the National Register of Citizens (NRC) saying both were governed by different laws and NPR data would never be used for the NRC exercise. In



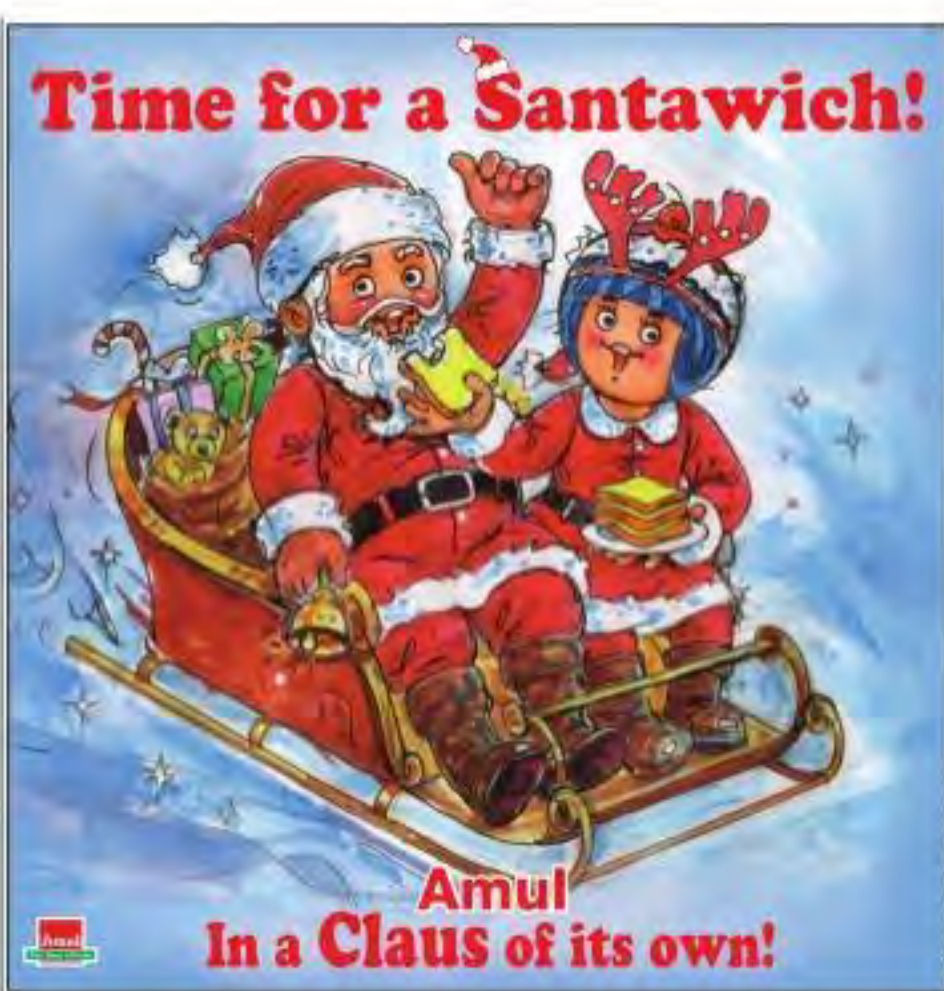
Link is enshrined in Citizenship Rules under the Act

an interview to ANI he said: "NPR is the database on which policy is made. NRC is a process in which people are asked to prove

their citizenship. There is no connection between the two processes, nor can they be used in each other's survey. NPR data can never be used for NRC. Even the laws are different...I assure all the people, specially from the minorities, that NPR is not going to be used for NRC. It's a rumour."

Facts show otherwise. That NRC shall be carried out

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First notices go out in UP to 28 residents: Pay Rs 14 lakh for damage to property

MANISH SAHU
LUCKNOW, DECEMBER 24

DAYS AFTER 16 people were killed in Uttar Pradesh where protests over the citizenship law led to a police crackdown and a warning from Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath that "revenge will be taken", the Rampur district administration became the first in the state to initiate the process for recovery of damage to government property including police motorcycles, barrier, dandas.

In identical notices issued Tuesday to 28 people, including an embroidery worker and a hawk of spices who are already in custody, the administration, while holding them responsible for acts of violence and damage to government property, has



Notice lists cost of police barricades, sticks, vehicles

sought explanation on why recoveries should not be made for damage worth Rs 14.86 lakh.

Embroidery worker Zameer's mother Munni Begum told *The Indian Express* that she

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Govt clears 4-star Chief of Defence Staff as military advisor



Army Chief Gen Bipin Rawat, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Defence Secretary Ajay Kumar in New Delhi, Tuesday. PTI

SUSHANT SINGH
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 24

THE UNION Cabinet Tuesday approved creation of the post of Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) as principal military advisor to the government. In line with the landmark announcement made by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his Independence Day speech, this fulfils a long-standing recommendation for higher military

reform, recommended by various expert committees and group of ministers, more so after the 1999 Kargil War.

The CDS will not exercise any military command, including over the three services chiefs, so as to be able to provide impartial advice to the political leadership.

The CDS will be a four-star General, at par in military rank, salary and perquisites with the three services chiefs, and will

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West Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar at Jadavpur University on Tuesday. Express

Governor-Govt standoff: He's denied entry to Jadavpur Univ convocation

ATRI MITRA
KOLKATA, DECEMBER 24

WEST BENGAL Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar was on Tuesday prevented from attending the annual convocation at Jadavpur University (JU) by a group of pro-

testers from the TMC-backed non-teaching staff association, who blocked his convoy, waving black flags and shouting slogans against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA).

Dhankhar, who is the Chancellor of state universities, was confined to his vehicle for

nearly two hours. He called up Vice-Chancellor Suranjan Das, who expressed helplessness. The Governor then addressed the assembled mediapersons and said the convocation should be suspended. However, the convocation was held even as Dhankhar

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Storm in TN over BJP 'insult' to Periyar

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
CHENNAI, DECEMBER 24

THE BJP'S Tamil Nadu unit on Tuesday triggered a controversy with a tweet on Dravidian ideologue E V Ramasamy, popularly known as Periyar, on his 46th death anniversary.

Posting a photograph of Periyar with his wife Maniammai (they got married when he was 69 and she was 31), the party's state unit tweeted from its official handle: "Today is the death anniversary of Maniammai's father Periyar. Let us support the death penalty for people who sexually assault chil-

dren and take the pledge that we will create a society without any POCSO (Protection of Children from Sexual Offences) accused".

The party's IT wing (@tnbjpitwing) retweeted the photograph and the comment. Both the state party unit and its IT wing later deleted the tweet.

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After dodgy count, tiger panel calls for revamp

More rigour: Tiger Authority sends note to Wildlife Institute of India

JAY MAZOOMDAAR
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 24

THREE MONTHS after *The Indian Express* exposed major anomalies in the government's tiger photo database, the National Tiger Conservation Authority, a statutory body under the Environment Ministry, has pro-

posed to overhaul its population monitoring setup, admitting there is no scope for "reconciliation of data", "peer review or inputs from other professionals" in the present scheme of things.

On July 29, the government had announced an estimated 2,987 tigers based on 2,462 individual tigers photographed across India.



The Indian Express report on September 20, 2019

In September, *The Indian Express* investigated each of the 1,635 unique tiger photos claimed in the previous tiger census report released in 2015. And found that, by well-established norms of wildlife population estimation, 221 of these "tiger photos" should not have been counted. The anomalies include duplicates, underage, faulty counting by flanks, and unidentifiable images. This worked out to 16% over-reporting — in other

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Indian women athletes show higher deficiencies and health risks: Study

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MIHIR VASAVDA
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 24

IN THE last one year, Kalaivani Srinivasan has progressed from being on the fringes of Indian boxing to becoming the next big hope. The 19-year-old attributes the rapid strides, in part, to tracking her menstrual cycle. "I have been monitoring my periods since January," she says. "It has

helped me plan my training and diet."

In an environment where a conversation on this topic is ignored and considered taboo, Kalaivani is among a handful of Indian sportspersons to take this approach. For her, it's a step not only to remain healthy, but also to prolong her career.

A first-of-its-kind research in the country has shown that an alarming number of Indian athletes miss their periods and are deficient in key minerals, putting them at major risk of suffering career-threatening injuries as



Research by Inspire Institute of Sport tracked menstrual cycles of athletes

well as long-term health consequences, including osteoporosis. In fact, Indian women athletes

showed higher deficiencies and health risks when compared to their counterparts worldwide.

Throughout 2019, a multi-disciplinary research team — comprising physiologists, nutritionists, academics and gynecologists — at Inspire Institute of Sport (IIS) tracked the menstrual cycles of the athletes training at the Bellary-based high-performance centre, home to some of India's top athletes in sports such as athletics, boxing, judo, swimming and wrestling. The institute, founded by the JSW Group,

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