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National Population Register Updation

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Why in News

The Union Home Ministry will be undertaking an updation exercise of the **National Population Register (NPR)**.

- The National Population Register (NPR) updation exercise will be undertaken **alongside Census 2021**. But **no biometric data** will be collected during the updation exercise
- It will be conducted by the **Office of the Registrar General of India (RGI)** under the **Home Ministry**.

National Population Register

- **Definition:**

According to the **Citizenship Rules (2003)**, an NPR is 'the register containing details of persons **usually residing** in a **village or rural area** or town or ward or demarcated area (demarcated by the Registrar General of Citizen Registration).

According to **Census of India**, a "**usual resident of the country**" is one who has been residing in a local area for at least the last **six months**, or intends to stay in a particular location for the next six months.

- **Legal Provisions:**

- It is notified under the **Citizenship (Registration of Citizens and Issue of National Identity Cards) Rules, 2003**.
- It is **mandatory** for every "usual resident of India" to register in the NPR.

- **Current Scenario:**

- The data for the NPR was **first collected in 2010** along with the house listing phase of Census 2011.
- For Census 2021, data will be collected on **21 points** for updating the NPR.
- The updation of NPR will newly include **date and place of birth of parents** in addition to the last place of residence, Permanent Account Number, **Aadhaar (on a voluntary basis)**, Voter ID card number, Driving License number and mobile number.

For NPR (2010), data was collected on **15 points**. These 15 points **did not include** date and place of birth of parents, last place of residence, passport number, Aadhaar ID, PAN, Driving Licence number, Voter ID card and Mobile number.

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