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Census 2027 self-enumeration opens.
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**HOUSEHOLDS
SELF-ENUMERATED**

17 May

WTISD

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Sweden

Highest honour.

Census

HLO phase.

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Editor's briefing and contents

A Sunday edition: an honour for the Prime Minister in Sweden, Census 2027 self-enumeration and WTISD.

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Reading guide

3 verified stories, each linked to its source. Earlier developments are explicitly carried forward. Not every possible update is covered. The separate 8-question test uses this same dataset. Original practice, not an actual previous-year paper.



National and International Affairs

Census 2027: self-enumeration opens in Gujarat, J&K, Ladakh and Puducherry

17 May 2026 | Press Information Bureau

PIB said on 17 May 2026 that the self-enumeration facility for Census 2027's Houselisting and Housing Census began in Gujarat, Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh and Puducherry and will remain available till 31 May 2026. Field operations there will run from 1 to 30 June 2026. More than 1.44 crore households have completed self-enumeration.

Field operations commenced in Rajasthan, Meghalaya, Maharashtra, Jharkhand and the MCD area of Delhi. Self-enumeration in Uttar Pradesh continues till 21 May, with field operations from 22 May to 20 June.

Key facts

Phase: Houselisting and Housing Census, Phase I of Census 2027

Self-enumeration opened 17 May in Gujarat, J&K, Ladakh, Puducherry; till 31 May

Households completed self-enumeration: over 1.44 crore

UP: self-enumeration till 21 May; field work 22 May to 20 June

Exam takeaway: Self-enumeration lets households fill census details online before enumerators visit.

One-minute recall: Census 2027 HLO: self-enumeration in Gujarat, J&K, Ladakh, Puducherry till 31 May; 1.44 crore households done (PIB, 17 May).

Press Information Bureau

Appointments, Awards and Important Days

PM Modi receives Sweden's Royal Order of the Polar Star, Commander Grand Cross

17 May 2026 | Government Offices of Sweden

The Swedish Government said that on Sunday 17 May 2026 Prime Minister Narendra Modi was presented with the Royal Order of the Polar Star, Commander Grand Cross, by Crown Princess Victoria in Gothenburg, in the presence of Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson.

The Order of the Polar Star was instituted in 1748 and is awarded to individuals for their personal endeavours for Sweden or Swedish interests. The Hindu reported that Mr Modi arrived in Sweden for a two-day visit and that the honour is the highest given to a Head of Government.

Key facts

Award: Royal Order of the Polar Star, Commander Grand Cross

Presented by: Crown Princess Victoria, Gothenburg, 17 May 2026

Order instituted: 1748

Swedish PM: Ulf Kristersson

Exam takeaway: The Order of the Polar Star is a Swedish royal order instituted in 1748.

One-minute recall: Modi receives Sweden's Royal Order of the Polar Star (Commander Grand Cross), 17 May 2026 (Govt of Sweden).

Government Offices of Sweden

World Telecommunication and Information Society Day, 17 May: 'digital lifelines' theme

17 May 2026 | United Nations

The UN page says World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (WTISD) is celebrated every year on 17 May and commemorates the founding of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), the UN agency for digital technologies.

The 2026 observance calls on governments, industry and communities to strengthen 'digital lifelines' - terrestrial networks, submarine cables, satellites and data systems - so that networks can withstand shocks and recover quickly.

Key facts

Day: WTISD, 17 May

Marks: founding of the ITU

2026 focus: resilient digital lifelines

Lifelines: terrestrial networks, submarine cables, satellites, data systems

Exam takeaway: The ITU is the United Nations agency for digital technologies.

One-minute recall: WTISD 17 May 2026: strengthen digital lifelines; marks ITU founding (UN).

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Rapid revision and vocabulary

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Polar Star: Swedish royal order.

HLO: Houselisting and Housing Census.

Self-enumeration: Households filling details online.

ITU: International Telecommunication Union.

WTISD: World Telecommunication and Information Society Day.

Rapid-revision prompts

Which honour did Modi receive?

Until when is self-enumeration open?

What does WTISD mark?

Sources and publication information

Every figure comes from the linked source page for that story. Where an official page was not read, the story names the publication that reported it. Items we could not verify, or whose outcome was not settled, were left out. This edition has 3 stories because that is what we could verify for the day.

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