

No Data on Begging

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Why in News?

The category "beggars and vagrants, etc." has been officially removed from the list of non-economic activities in the census 2027, placing individuals in this classification under the broader category of "others".

Key Highlights

- **Omission of Beggars Data**
 - The decision stems from the severe under-reporting in past census cycles caused by social stigma.
 - In Census 2011, only ~3.8 lakh individuals declared themselves under this head (down from 6.3 lakh in 2001 and 5.4 lakh in 1991).
 - Future census tables will no longer offer separate demographic, religious, or age-wise distributions for beggars and vagrants.
- **Reason for Migration** - Added "**natural calamities**" as an official reason for human migration, alongside traditional parameters (work, business, education, marriage, moved after birth, and moved with household).
- **Parental Particulars**- Introduced fields capturing the **date of birth, place of birth, and religion** of both the father and mother.
 - These fields are filled if parents are not living in the same household or are deceased.
 - This assists in analyzing inter-faith marriage trends, conversion patterns, and citizenship verification under the Citizenship Act.
- **Voluntary Data Collection**- Asks for details regarding Aadhaar, Voter ID, Passport, and mobile numbers on a voluntary basis.
- Enumerators are trained to leave these fields blank if respondents express privacy concerns.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS OF CENSUS 2027 UPDATES



About the Census of India

- **Constitutional Framework** - Conducted under the provisions of the ***Census Act, 1948 and the Census Rules, 1990.***
- **Nodal Ministry** - Executed by the Office of the Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India (ORGI) under the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- **Union Subject**- Census is listed under Entry 69 of the Union List in the **7th Schedule** of the Constitution of India.
- **Digital Census**- Census 2027 represents ***India's first fully digital census***, allowing self-enumeration options alongside enumerator-led data collection via mobile applications.

Reference

[Times of India | Census 2027 will not record data on begging](#)

