

NEW DELHI: Registrar General of India (RGI) Mr. Vinay Kumar Narayan has issued a detailed directive on responsibilities of officials involved in Census-2027, which begins on April 1 with the houselisting phase, asking them to ensure all houses are covered in data collection and warned of punitive action if anyone found violating norms.

The upcoming Census will be conducted in two phases - houselisting and housing census from April to September 2026, and population enumeration (PE) in February 2027.

"For smooth conduct of Census operations, it is necessary that the Census officers engaged in conducting of Houselisting and Housing Census and Population Enumeration must be informed of their specific duties under the Census act. Along with the duties, penalties have also been prescribed under section II of the

CENSUS OFFICIALS ARE DIRECTED TO CONDUCT PROPER PROBING AND MAINTAIN A POLITE BEHAVIOUR ON THEIR FIELD VISITS

The directive, reviewed by HT, asked the enumerators to "show all buildings with numbers, number of census houses in each building and other important landmarks on the layout map; assign number to each building and census house; carry appointment letter along with ID Card during the field visit; and conduct proper probing while maintaining a polite behaviour during the field visit."

Citing the provisions of penalties under Section II of the Census act, Narayan said in his communication that "any census

officer or any person fully required to assist in taking of Census who refuses to perform any duty imposed upon him by this act, or any census officer who intentionally puts any offensive or improper question, or any sorter, compiler or other member of the census staff who removes, secretes, damages or destroys any census documents or deals with any census document in a manner likely to falsify or impair the tabulation of census results, shall be punishable with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees and in case of a conviction shall also be punishable with imprisonment which may extend to three years."

degree," he said. "That was the end of the story as far as commercial art was concerned. However, I didn't lose interest."

His journey with scratchboard art faced a major setback when the impact of the special lockdown in the mid-1990s. For the next three decades, he shifted to other forms like oil and watercolour painting and sculpture, revisiting scratchboard art only in 1985. "I thought why not make the board myself," he said. Succeeded through experimentation and trial and error, he applied white acrylic paint on a thick board, and when it dries I add a black layer," he said.

Over the years, he has been associated with art groups and exhibited in annual shows although opportunities have been limited. He shares his art online as well.

"I regularly contribute on social media platforms," he said, adding that he was known among international scratchboard communities.

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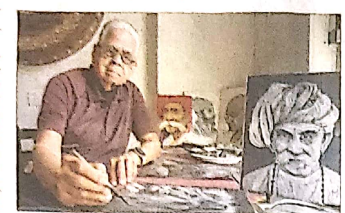
Scratchboard artist, 95, to hold solo exhibition

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MUMBAI: For 73 years, K.K. Venkateswaran has sat at his table every day, using implements to carve out beautiful and intricate works of art on a scratchboard, a technique used by commercial artists and illustrators. This weekend (March 27 to 29), he is set to hold his first solo show at the P.I. Doshiyale Kala Academy, Prabhadevi at the age of 95—a tribute to his energy and undying passion for his art.

The self-taught artist's studio has a variety of his works on display—a stunning portrait of Oscar award-winning actor Morgan Freeman as Nelson Mandela, a close-up of a cobra focusing on its striking black-and-white stripes, the majestic face of a tiger, the ruins of an old pagoda. He picked up the scratchboard technique in 1953 when he was working in the adman department of Air India and happened to show his work



K.K. Venkateswaran will be presenting his art from March 27 to 29 at the P.I. Doshiyale Kala Academy, Prabhadevi. SUSHANTH/PHOTO

to an advertising agency that made ads for the aviation giant. "They told me that my drawings were excellent but they needed black-and-white line drawings. It was here that I first learned about the scratchboard technique," he said. "A scratchboard is a board coated with white clay, on top of which there is a layer of black ink. You scratch the black surface to create your art." Fascinated by this reverse process, he decided to try it himself.

Venkateswaran managed to find the material in Mumbai at the time and began experimenting. His work impressed the ad agency, but he could not pursue a job in commercial art due to a lack of formal qualifications. "They told me they could only hire artists who had a fine arts

HATE CRIME: YOUTH DRAGGED ON ROAD, BEATEN TO DEATH BY MOB IN RURAL BIHAR

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SASARAM: A young man was brutally beaten to death in Bihār on Friday, police said. A police officer at Moradabad village, located within the jurisdiction of the Sasaram district police station, said the sensational crime, which took place on a bright night, is rapidly going viral on social media, sparking outrage among the public.

In the video, several people are seen brutally assaulting the young man on the Sasaram-Chhapra main road. The mob, which is reported to be around 100 people, dragged him along the road and beat him with sticks and clubs.

The young man repeatedly begged for his life, but the attackers continued to beat him relentlessly.

What is particularly shocking is that bystanders present at the scene did not make any attempt to help the young man. It is reported that the video was recorded from the window of a house situated near the crime scene.

The deceased, identified as Hasan Jaza Khan (32), was returning to his native Baradhi village from Sasaram on a bike when the incident occurred.

Police said preliminary investigations suggest that an old dispute regarding a monetary transaction between the deceased and the accused was the motive behind the murder.

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W Champaran biogas plant to provide fuel relief to Bihar

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BETNAH: As the country, and the world in general, reels under a gas shortage, the Vardhana Compressed Biogas (CBG) plant in the Kumarbagh Industrial Area of West Champaran district offers promise to the state of Bihar.

To be launched in coming weeks, the unit will convert agricultural residue and organic waste into high-grade fuel.

It will be Bihar's first large scale compressed biogas plant. It will use the press mud (or filter cake), a residual byproduct of sugar mills, along with other biodegradable waste such as rice straw, maize straw, municipal waste to generate compressed biogas, a clean and sustainable alternative to conventional fuels.

Located about 12 kilometres from Bettah, the headquarters of West Champaran district, the plant is spread over four blocks in about 6.5 acres of land in Phase-I Industrial Area of Kumarbagh. One block houses two reactors with a capacity of 70 lakh litres each; the others are for gas purification and enrichment block, the casket filling block, and the fertiliser block.

Amit Kumar Singh, co-founder and chief financial officer of the unit, said that sampling and testing by the National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) is currently underway. "We will begin full-scale service delivery once certification is received," he said.

He added that the company—Vardhana Business Associates Pvt Ltd (VBAPL)—has already partnered with the Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and GAIL to contribute to the development of City Gas Distribution (CGD) networks in the region. The produced biogas will be supplied for use as a clean automotive and industrial fuel, aligning with the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat (self-reliant India) for alternative energy sources.

Singh said that pipelines are being laid in Bettah town of West Champaran to supply gas to around 1,000 households which will be expanded further in the future.

"Our present capacity stands at 6,000 kg per day, and we have invested ₹50 crore in the project. We are looking forward to investing ₹100 crore next year to cover 12,000 households," said Singh.

PIMPRI CHINCHWAD MUNICIPAL CORPORATION CIVIL HO TENDER NOTICE No. - CIVIL GARDEN AND SPORT TENDER NOTICE NO. 43/1/2025-2026

Offers by way of e-tendering (Percentage) are invited by the City Engineer, Civil Garden and Sports Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation from contractors in e-tendering system for following works:

- The Contractor shall quote his Percentage offer on the Cost of work excluding material testing charges as mentioned below.
- The offer for work shall be exclusive of GST. The GST at the applicable rate shall be paid separately by PCMC for work.
- Regarding the Royalty, the policy that the corporation determines will be binding on you.

Sr. No.	Name Of Work	Estimated cost put to the Tender (Rs) (4+6)	Cost of Work excluding Material testing charges (Rs) (5)	Royalty (Rs) (6)	Material Testing Charges (Rs) (7)	Earnest money (Rs) (8)	Security Deposit (Rs) (9)	Time limit in calendar months (10)	Cost of Tender Document + With GST (Non Refundable) (Rs.) (11)
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Time table for the tenders shall be as follows:

- Online sale of tenders :- Date - 30/03/2026 to Date - 06/04/2026
- Last date of submission of tenders :- Date- 06/04/2026 up to 3.00 pm
- Pre Bid Meeting Date & Time :- Date- 01/04/2026 at 3.00 pm
- Place of Pre Bid Meeting :- Office of City Engineer Civil Garden and Sports, 1st Floor, PCMC Main Building Pimpri, Pune - 411018
- Date of opening of tenders :- Date- 08/04/2026 at 3.00 pm (if possible)

The Municipal Commissioner PCMC reserves the right to accept or reject any tender partially or completely without any reason thereof. The details of above works, such as Security Deposit, Earnest Money Deposit, Terms & Conditions of the Tender and Schedule of works, are available on web site www.pcmcindia.gov.in, <http://mahatenders.gov.in>. In case of any technical problem related to the tender document, the same can be referred to the NIC email support at epro@nic.in or on telephone numbers 0120-4200462, 0120-4001002, 0120-4001005, 0120-627787.

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E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 with proviso to Rule 6 (f) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical/symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the Bank/Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on the date as mentioned in the table herein below, for recovery of its dues due to the Bank/ Secured Creditor from the respective Borrower(s) and guarantor(s). The reserve price and the earnest money deposit will be as mentioned in the table below against the respective properties.

SCHEDULE OF THE SECURED ASSETS

Date of E-Auction: 28.04.2026 (Last date of deposit of EMD: 28.04.2026 up to 12.00 PM)

Name of the branch	Description of the Immovable Property Mortgaged/ Owner's Name (mortgagors of property) (ies)	A) In. Of Demand Notice vide (19) of SARFAESI ACT 2002 (B) Underwriting amount as on date of demand notice (C) Provisional Date vide 15A of SARFAESI ACT 2002 (D) Nature of Possession Symbolic/Physical/Constructive	A) Estimated Price (Rs) (B) EMD (C) Bid Increment Amount	Start Time (In the PM)	End Time (In the PM)	Details of the encumbrances known to the Secured Creditor
PNB-Dumra (902490)	Residential House of Area 4 decimal at Mauza- Bangsan, Anchal & PS- Bajajpatti, Thana No -106, Khata No-3064, Survey No - 573 SRO - Pupri, Distt- Silamathi, Bounded By - North: Road, South: Prakash Mahato, East: Munchun Devi, West: Falz Ali, Sale Deed No: 3089 dated 15/06/1990 Owner/ Mortgagor: MD. Badre Alam S/o MD. Muslim	(A) 07.06.2025 (B) Rs 2052672.41 as on 31.07.2025 + further interest and charges until payment in full (C) 23.10.2025 (D) Symbolic	A) Rs 2201500/- B) Rs 220150/- C) Rs 20000/-	20.04.2026 From 10.00 AM to 4.00 PM	Not known	

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Date: 26.03.2026
Place: Mithari

STATUTORY 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 6 (f) OF THE SARFAESI ACT 2002

Commissionerate of Horticulture
Pant Krishi Bhawan, Jangpoh, Jaipur-302005
(Email ID: kh.aur@rajasthan.gov.in)
NOTICE INVITING BID

BID NO: KH/2025/0218
BID DATE: 19.03.2026

Subject: For supply of horticulture items for 19.03.2026 to 08.04.2026 by Commissioner of Horticulture, Pant Krishi Bhawan, Jaipur for supply of Horticulture Items: Horticulture plants variety: Banana, Mango, Guava, Khata (Female) & A/E-City or Market and Dhamani (Male) with DNA Fingerprint report at different districts in Rajasthan from local growers or per bid document.

Contributions of the bid may be visited on the Procurement Portal <http://eproc.jaipur.rajasthan.gov.in> & Government portal <http://kh.aur@rajasthan.gov.in> of the State and Departmental website. The Estimated cost of the BIDs inclusive GST is Rs 10.00 Cr.

Commissioner of Horticulture
Jaipur

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