



**National Online Workshop  
on**

**‘Towards Inclusion of Majority: Need for Other Backward Caste (OBC)  
Census’**

**Date: 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 (Friday) Time: 10 A.M. to 1:30 P.M**

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## ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

The need for an enumerative census of India's Other Backward Classes has been debated and demanded by civil society organisations, political parties, and individuals. Until now, the Government of India has been conducting population censuses every ten years, enumerating Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Rural, Urban, Gender, and Religion categories. The OBC category is not included in the census, despite long-standing demands. Both the Union and State Governments have been utilising census data on SCs, STs, Rural, Urban, Gender, in the policymaking process. When the Mandal Commission advocated reservations for OBCs in Central Government Jobs in the 1980s, it was based on the premise that OBCs made up 52 percent of India's overall population. Although both governments have undertaken and implemented different policies and programmes aimed at the welfare of OBCs, there is no relevant data on this category. Although the enumeration of OBCs has political ramifications, it is useful in policymaking. Because "caste is the indicator of backwardness of populations in India," census data on OBCs is essential. In light of this, the workshop will consider how a caste census in India could advance discussions on representation, access to resources, income distribution, and engagement of marginalised caste groups in government and electoral politics.

### SUBTHEMES

- What is the Caste Census and why there is a demand for it?
- Rethinking Majority and Minority in India: The Question of Caste Census.
- The Politics of Caste Census in India with reference to the OBCs.
- Caste Census and the 'Muslim Question'.

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