Nagaland has decided to start a variant of the National Register of Citizens (NRC) that neighbouring Assam is updating.

On Saturday, Nagaland Home Commissioner R. Ramakrishnan issued a notification for the setting up of the Register of Indigenous Inhabitants of Nagaland (RIIN).

**Master list**
It is aimed at preparing a master list of all indigenous peoples and checking the issuance of fake indigenous inhabitant certificates.

Designated teams will fan out to each village and urban ward from July 10, less than a month before Assam is to publish the final NRC.

To be monitored by the Home Commissioner, Nagaland’s exercise for collecting information on locals and non-locals has a 60-day deadline. The RIIN, according to Mr. Ramakrishnan, will be prepared after an extensive survey with the help of a village-wise and ward-wise list of indigenous inhabitants based on official records.

It will be prepared under the supervision of each district administration.

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**Citizen check**
A look at some key statistics of Nagaland, which is setting up a register of indigenous inhabitants

- Population*: **1,988,636**
- No. of tribal and non-tribal communities: **25**
- Population of 16 recognised tribes: **90%**
- Unlike other States, Nagaland's decadal population dropped by **0.47%** between 2001 and 2011
- Decadal growth in the 1980s: **56%**
- Decadal growth in the 1990s: **65%**

* Census 2011

*A Konyak Naga tribesman in traditional attire*