

**PRESS RELEASE**

**Release of Provisional Population Totals of 2011 Census  
of A & N Islands**

The Report on Provisional Population Totals of Census 2011 in respect of A & N Islands was released by Shri Shakti Sinha, Chief Secretary, A & N Administration on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2011 in Secretariat, Port Blair in the presence of Smt Archana Arora, Principal Secretary (Revenue) & Nodal Officer Census 2011 and Shri Abraham Varickamackal, Director of Census Operations, A & N Islands. The Provisional Population Totals are compiled using Enumerators Abstract filled-in by the Enumerators after completion of Population Enumeration.

As per the Provisional Population Totals released, the total population of A & N Islands is 379944 comprising of 202330 males and 177614 females. The decadal population growth is 23792 in absolute numbers. The decadal growth in population has shown an increase of 6.68 per cent over the population of 2001. While the percentage of increase in the male population is 4.85, the growth in female population is 8.85 per cent.

The Population density has increased to 46 in 2011 from 43 in Census 2001. The Sex Ratio has increased to 878 in 2011 from 846 in Census 2001.

The number of literates as reported in the Provisional Population is 293695 comprising of 164219 male literates and 129476 female literates. In terms of percentage, 86.27 per cent of the population is reported to be literate comprising of 90.11 per cent males and 81.84 per cent females. The overall literacy has shown an increase of 4.97 per cent as compared to Census 2001.

The population of age group 0-6 years is reported to be 39497 comprising of 20094 males and 19403 females. The sex ratio for the population in the age group 0-6 years has increased to 966 in 2011 as compared to 957 in Census 2001.

While the sex ratio in North & Middle Andaman and South Andaman Districts has increased to 925 and 874 respectively in 2011 from 884 and 824 of Census 2001; the sex ratio of Nicobars District has decreased to 778 in 2011 from 857 of Census 2001.

As reported in the Provisional Population Totals of A & N Islands, South Andaman district has reported 88.49 per cent literates comprising of 91.91 per cent males and 84.52 per cent females followed by North & Middle Andaman District reporting 84.25 per cent literates comprising of 88.72 per cent males and

79.39 per cent females. The Nicobars District is at the bottom with 77.50 per cent literates comprising of 82.65 per cent male literates and 70.70 per cent female literates.

The child sex ratio in North & Middle Andaman District has remained constant to 977 in Census 2011. The child sex ratio in Nicobars District has increased to 961 in 2011 from 937 of Census 2001. Similarly, the child sex ratio of South Andaman District has increased to 961 in 2011 from 949 of Census 2001.

The proportion of population in the age group 0-6 in totality has decreased to 10.4 per cent in 2011 from 12.57 per cent of Census 2001. While, the proportion of males in the age group 0-6 has decreased to 9.93 per cent in 2011 from 11.86 per cent of Census 2001, the decrease in case of females is 10.92 from 13.42 per cent.

The Union Territory of A & N Islands has reported the sex ratio of persons in the age group 0-6 above the national average of 914. Similarly, the percentage of literacy, male and female literacy are reported to be above the national average of 74.04, 82.14 and 65.46 respectively.

The sex ratio is below 62 points of the national average of 940, as reported in Provisional Population Totals. The percentage population of 0-6 years comprising of males and females are also below the respective figures at national level of 13.2, 13.3 and 12.93 respectively.

The contribution of the population to the total population of the country is merely 0.03 per cent.

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