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# Chapter-6

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# Population

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### Introduction~

- \* Population is the total number of people living in a particular city, state or country.
- \* People are important to develop the economy and society.
- \* People make and use resources and are themselves resources with varying quality.

### Census:-

- ~ counting of people.
- ~ A census is an official enumeration of population done periodically.
- Census of India provide us with information regarding the population of our country. It held after 10 years.

\* First census held in the year 1872 (but in this census child, women and old people are not included).

\* 1st complete census held in the year 1881.

## Three major Question about population

- (i) Population size and distribution.
- (ii) Population growth and processes of population change.
- (iii) Characteristics or qualities of the population.

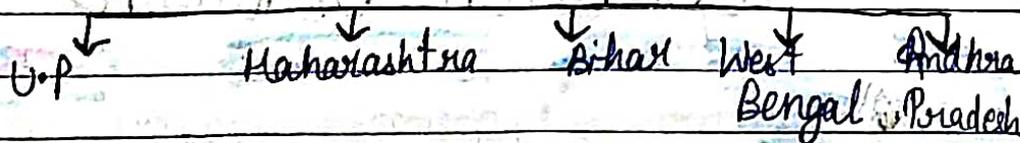
## Population Size And Distribution

### India's Population Size & Distribution by Numbers

- \* On March 2011 stood at 1,210.6 million, 17.5% of world population.
- \* 1.21 billion people are unevenly distributed over our country's vast area of 3.28 million sq. km. which accounts for 2.4% of world's area.

\* 2011,  
population distribution high in Uttar Pradesh (16%)  
low in Sikkim (0.6 million)

\* India's population lives in just 5 states:



\* Rajasthan → 5.5%

### India's Population by Density

↳ Population density is calculated as the number of persons per unit area.

↳ India is one of the most densely populated countries of world.

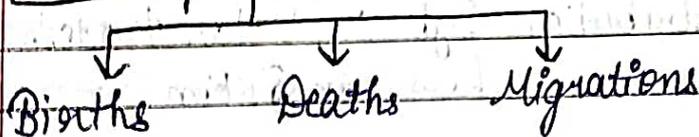
↳ Highest population density :-  
Bihar (1,102 persons per sq. km)

Only Bangladesh  
Japan have higher  
average population  
densities than India

↳ Lowest Population density :-  
Arunachal Pradesh (only 17  
person sq. km.)

## Population Growth & Processes of Population Change

\* Population is a dynamic phenomenon.  
The no., distribution and composition of population  
are constantly changing.  
This is the influence of the interaction of  
these processes.



## Population Growth

◆ Growth of population refers to the change in the no. of inhabitants of a country/territory during a specific period of time, say during the last 10 year.

◆ Such change can be expressed in two ways :-

absolute no.

Percentage change per year

- > The absolute no. added each year or decade is magnitude of increase.
- > It is obtained by simply subtracting the earlier population from the later population.
- > Population increases from 361 million in 1951 to 1210 million in 2011.
- > 683 million in 1981.
- > 1981, however, the rate of growth started declining gradually.
- > Still 182 million people were added to the total population in the 1990s alone (annual larger than ever before).
- > It is essential to realise that India has very large population.

## Processes of Population Change / Growth

Three main processes of change of population.

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Birth rates

↓  
death rates

↓  
Migration

Birth rate: It is the number of live births per thousand persons in a year.

- It is a major component of growth.
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In India, birth rates have always been higher than death rates.

Death rate: It is the number of deaths per thousands person in a year.

- Till 1980, high birth rates & death rate resulting

led to a large difference.

Migration is the movement of people across regions and territories.

Migration can be

↓  
Internal  
(within country)

↓  
International  
(between countries)

- Internal migration does not change the size of population, but influences within nation.
- Most migration have been from rural to urban areas.

## Age Composition

\* The age composition of a population refers to number of people in different age groups in a country.

Three broad categories :-

1. Children (generally below 15 years) - economically unproductive and need to be provided.
2. Working Age (15-59 years) economically productive and biologically reproduct
3. Aged (above 59 years) economically productive though they may have

retired.

## Sex Ratio

- It is defined as the number of females per 1000 males in the population.
- It is an important social indicator to measure extent of equality between males and females in a society.
- It is unfavourable to females.

## Literacy Rates

\* low levels of literacy are a serious obstacle for economic improvement.

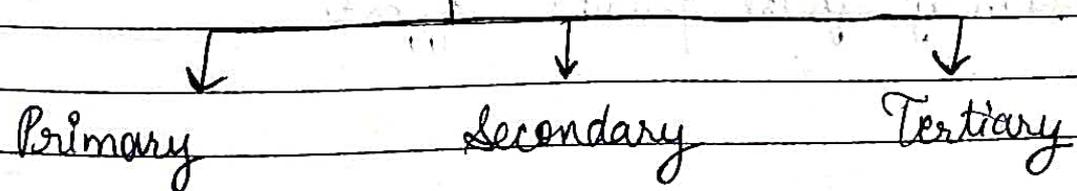
Literate: A person aged 7 years and above, who can read and write with understandings in any language.

Literacy rate according census of 2011 :- 73%  
80.9% - males, 64.6 → females.

## Occupational Structure

↳ The distribution of population according to different types of occupation is referred.

Occupations are generally classified as:



- \* Primary activities include agriculture, animal husbandry, forestry, fishing, mining and quarrying etc.
  - \* Secondary activities include manufacturing industries, building and construction work etc.
  - \* Tertiary activities include transport, communication, commerce, administration and other services.
- 64% of population is engaged only in agriculture.

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- It constitutes one-fifth of total population.
- A large number of girls suffer from anaemia.

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NPP aims

- ↳ NPP provides 2000 a policy framework for imparting free and compulsory school education upto 14 years.
- ↳ Reducing infant mortality rate to below 30 per 1000 live births.
- ↳ Achieving universal immunisation of children against all vaccine preventable disease, promoting delayed marriage for girls, and making family welfare a people centered programme.

## NPP 2000 and Adolescents

- \* NPP2000 identified adolescents as one of the major section of population that need greater attention.
- \* The programmes started by NPP2000 for adolescents aims at:-

- Encouraging delayed marriage and child-bearing
- Education of adolescents about the risks of unprotected sex.
- Making contraceptive services accessible and affordable.
- Providing food supplements, nutritional services and strengthening legal measures to prevent child marriage.