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❖ OVERVIEW:

- 15th National Census and 7th since independence (first post-independence census: 1951).
- Motto: "Our Census, Our Future".
- Conducted by the Office of the Registrar General and Census Commissioner, Ministry of Home Affairs & were released by Union Home Secretary Shri G.K.Pillai and Registrar General of India Shri C. Chandramouli.
- Covered 35 States/Union Territories and 640 districts.

(Note: - Population Census - 2027 to be conducted in two phases along with enumeration of castes. Reference date for the same will be 01 Mar 27, 00:00 hrs.)

❖ HISTORY:

1830 - First complete census of an Indian city was conducted in Dacca by Henry Walter.
1872 - First Population Census (Lord Mayo)
1881 - First Synchronous Census (Lord Rippon)
1948 - Census Act enacted.
1951 - First Census of Independent India

❖ POPULATION:

- Total : 1,210,854,977 (1.21 billion).
- 17.5% of the world population (7 billion in 2011).
- Male : 623,724,248/ 62.37 Cr (51.54%)
- Female : 587,447,730/58.74 Cr (48.46%).
- Decadal growth (2001–2011): 17.64%
(Highest Decadal growth 1961- 1971: 24.08%; Lowest 1911-1921 Minus 0.31%)
- Annual Growth: 1.64%

❖ HIGHEST/ LOWEST POPULATED REGIONS:

State

- Highest : 1. UP (199,812,341/~20 Cr ~16% of India's population).
2. Maharashtra (11.24 Cr)
3. Bihar (10.41 Cr)
- Lowest : 1. Sikkim (6.10 Lakh)
2. Mizoram (10.9 Lakh)
3. Arunachal Pradesh (13.8 Lakh)

UT

- Highest : Delhi (16,787,941) (1.67 Cr)
 - Lowest : Lakshadweep (64,473).
- (Sometimes Questions asked regarding highest/Lowest population of Male or Female separately, those are also same as per above regions.)

District

- Highest : Thane, Maharashtra (11,060,148).
- Lowest : Dibang Valley, Arunachal Pradesh (8,004).

❖ HIGHEST/ LOWEST DECADAL GROWTH RATE:

State

- Highest : Meghalaya (27.8%), Arunachal Pradesh (26.03%)
- Lowest : Nagaland (-0.47%); Kerala (4.91%)

UT

- Highest : Dadra and Nagar Haveli (55.5%)
- Lowest : Daman and Diu (53.76%).

❖ RELIGION-BASED POPULATION:

- Hindu : 966.3 million (79.8%).
- Muslim : 172.2 million (14.2%).
- Christian : 27.8 million (2.3%).
- Sikh : 20.8 million (1.7%).
- Buddhist : 8.4 million (0.7%).
- Jain : 4.5 million (0.37%).
- Others/No Religion: ~0.9%.

- Religion wise decadal growth rate

Highest: Muslim (24.6%)

Lowest: Jain (5.4%)

❖ RURAL-URBAN DISTRIBUTION:

- Rural : 83.37 Cr (68.8%).
 - Urban : 37.71 Cr (31.2%).
- (Urban population increased by 3.4% points compared to 2001 (27.8%).

Rural Population:

State

- Highest : UP (15.5 Cr.)
- Lowest : Sikkim (4.5 Lakh)

UT

- Highest : Delhi
- Lowest : Lakshadweep

Urban Population:

State

- Highest : Maharashtra (5Cr)
- Lowest : Sikkim

UT

- Highest : Delhi
- Lowest : Lakshadweep

* Highest % of Rural population in HP; Urban highest % in Goa.

❖ POPULATION DENSITY:

State

- Highest
 1. Bihar : 1,106
 2. West Bengal: 1,028
 3. Kerala : 860
- Lowest
 1. Arunachal Pradesh :17
 2. Mizoram : 52
 3. Sikkim : 86

UT

- Highest
 1. Delhi : 11,297
 2. Chandigarh : 9,528
- Lowest
 1. Andaman & Nicobar : 46
 2. Dadra and Nagar Haveli : 52

District

- Highest North East Delhi : 36,161
- Lowest Dibrang Valley, Arunachal Pradesh (under 1)

*Data in person per sq km

❖ SEX RATIO

Overall : 943 (933 in 2001).

State

- Highest : Kerala (1084); Tamil Nadu (996); Andra Pradesh (993)
- Lowest : Haryana (879); J&K (889); Sikkim (890)

UT

- Highest : Puducherry (1037); Lakshadweep (946)
- Lowest : Daman & Diu (618); Dadra & Nagar Haveli (774)

District

- Highest : Mahe (Puducherry) (1184)
- Lowest : Daman (534)

SEX RATIO CHILD (0-6 YRS) : Overall 919 (927 in 2001)

State

- Highest : Mizoram (970)
- Lowest : Haryana (834)

UT

- Highest : Andaman & Nicobar (968)
- Lowest : Delhi (871)

- States with improved child sex ratio: Punjab (846, up 48 points), Chandigarh (867, up 22 points)

District

- Highest : Lahaul Spiti, HP
- Lowest : Jhajjar, Haryana

❖ LITERACY RATE

- Overall : 74.04% {Increased by 9.2% from 2001 (64.83 %)}
- Men : 82.14%
- Women : 65.46%

State

- Highest : Kerala (94%), Mizoram (91.58)
- Lowest : Bihar (61.8%), Arunachal Pradesh (65.38%)

UT

- Highest : Lakshadweep (91.85%)
- Lowest : Dadar & Nagar Haweli (76.24%)

District

- Highest : Serchhip, Mizoram - 98.23%
- Lowest : Alirajpur, MP - 37.22%

SCHEDULED CASTES (SC)

- Population : 201.4 million (16.6% of total population).
- Largest Population (Absolute): Uttar Pradesh (41.28 million).
- Lowest Population : Mizoram
- Highest Proportion : Punjab (31.9%).
- Lowest Proportion : Mizoram (0.1%)

SCHEDULED TRIBES (ST)

- Population : 104.3 million (8.6% of total population).
- Largest Population (Absolute): Madhya Pradesh (15.23 million).
- Lowest Population : Haryana, Punjab, Chandigarh & Delhi (0 population)
- Highest Proportion : Lakshadweep (94.8%), Mizoram (94.4%)
- Lowest Proportion : Goa (0.04%)

REFERENCE: - www.censusindia.gov.in

(Note: - Kindly let us know if you find any errors. Feedbacks are also welcomed.)

Some hard questions asked in recent SSC exams related to Census 2011

- According to the Census of India 2011, which of the following states has the largest Buddhist population?
A. Madhya Pradesh
B. Maharashtra
C. West Bengal
D. Uttar Pradesh
- As per the Census-2011, the total absolute increase in population during the decade is
A. 17.21 crore
B. 16.41 crore
C. 18.19 crore
D. 15.23 crore
- On the basis of highest population growth rate (Census, 2011), select the option that arranges the following states in descending order.
(A) Bihar (B) Arunachal Pradesh (C) Meghalaya
a. A, B, C
b. C, A, B
c. B, C, A
d. C, B, A
- After independence, the Census Act was enacted in India in the year
A. 1962
B. 1948
C. 1960
D. 1955
- According to the Census of India 2011, which group of states has the least urban population?
A. HP and Bihar
B. Uttar Pradesh and Bihar
C. HP and Meghalaya
D. MP and Bihar
- According to Census of India 2011, how many districts are there in India?
A. 630
B. 640
C. 620
D. 610
- According to the Census 2011 of India, which metropolitan has the second highest population?
A. Mumbai
B. Chennai
C. Kolkata
D. Delhi

8. According to Census of India 2011, what was the sex ratio recorded in the Union Territory of Puducherry?

A. 1095 females/1000 males

C. 980 females/1000 males

B. 1037 females/1000 males

D. 890 females/1000 males

9. Which of the following districts of India has the highest literacy rate as per Census 2011?

A. Serchhip

○ C. Champhai

B. Ernakulam

○ D. Idukki

10. According to the Census of India, who are considered to be literates?

A. Person aged five and above, who can both read and write with understanding in any language

B. Person aged eighteen and above, who can both read and write with understanding in any language

C. Person aged seven and above, who can both read and write with understanding in any language

D. Person aged fifteen and above, who can both read and write with understanding in any language

11. According to Census 2011, which union territory recorded the highest female literacy rate in India?

A. Chandigarh

○ C. Puducherry

B. Delhi

○ D. Lakshadweep

12. According to the Census of India 2011, which of the following states is the most urbanised?

A. Goa

○ C. Kerala

B. Himachal Pradesh

○ D. Punjab

13. As per Census of India 2011, which of the following groups of states recorded the lowest literacy rate?

A. Rajasthan and Assam

C. Bihar and MP

B. Bihar and AP

D. Rajasthan and Jharkhand

14. The Office of the Registrar General and Census Commissioner, India comes under the:

- A. Ministry of Home Affairs
- B. Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- C. Ministry of Finance
- D. Ministry of Rural Development

15. As per Census of India 2011, in which of the following states was the total population less than 10 lakh?

- A. Sikkim
- B. Telangana
- C. Goa
- D. Tripura

16. According to the Census of India-2011, which state has the largest gap between male and female literacy rates?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Karnataka
- C. Assam
- D. Rajasthan

17. According to the Census of India 2011, 'Other Religions and Persuasions' formed what percentage of the country's population?

- A. 2.3
- B. 1.7
- C. 0.7
- D. 0.4

18. What is the national female workforce participation rate as per the Census of India 2011?

- A. 53.26%
- B. 53.03%
- C. 30.02%
- D. 25.51%

19. What is the national male workforce participation rate as per the Census of India 2011?

- A. 51.26%
- B. 53.26%
- C. 50.26%
- D. 52.26%

20. In 2011-12, what percentage of Indian workforce was engaged in secondary sector?

- A. 15.8%
- B. 30.0%
- C. 24.3%
- D. 60.4%

21. As per Census 2011, what is the percentage of rural population in India?

- A. 52.4%
- B. 65.2%
- C. 68.8%
- D. 59.3%

22. According to Census 2011, which of the following languages is spoken by the least population in India?

- A. Sanskrit
- B. Assamese
- C. Konkani
- D. Dogri

23. Which Union Territory has the lowest literacy rate, according to the Census of India 2011?

- A. Lakshadweep
- B. Andaman and Nicobar Islands
- C. Delhi
- D. Dadra and Nagar Haveli

24. The census operations of India had been carried out in _____ phases according to census 2011.

- A. 5
- B. 3
- C. 7
- D. 2

25. What is the literacy rate for Scheduled Tribe Population as per the 2011 Census?

- A. 59%
- B. 65%
- C. 66%
- D. 55%

26. According to Census 2011, what is the estimated percentage of people below the poverty line in rural areas?

- A. 27.09%
- B. 13.04%
- C. 25.70%
- D. 18.90%

27. What is the percentage share of population working in agricultural sector as per census of India 2011?

- A. 0.546
- B. 0.567
- C. 0.58
- D. 0.503

28. What is density of population in NCT of Delhi as per the 2011 Census?

- A. 11,342
- B. 10,265
- C. 10,567
- D. 11,320

29. Which of the following union territories has the least literacy rate according to the Census of India 2011?

- A. Andaman & Nicobar Island
- B. Lakshadweep
- C. Dadra and Nagar Haveli
- D. Daman and Diu

30. According to the Census of India 2011, the percentage of adolescent population (10-19 years) from the total population is how much?

- A. 19.9%
- B. 22.9%
- C. 20.9%
- D. 21.9%

31. According to Census of India 2011, female adolescents in the age group of 10-19 years had a share of:

- A. 31.3% ○ C. 52.7%
- B. 47.3% ○ D. 20.9%

32. According to the Census of India 2011, 'Other Religions and Persuasions (ORP)' comprise how much of the population?

- A. 9.9 million ○ C. 5.9 million
- B. 3.9 million ○ D. 7.9 million

33. According to Census of India 2011, in rural India, which state has the maximum female workforce participation rate?

- A. Himachal Pradesh
B. Uttar Pradesh
C. Arunachal Pradesh
D. Andhra Pradesh

34. As per the Census of India 2011, the increase in literacy rates for males and females, respectively, as compared to 2001 Census was:

- A. 4.88% and 10.79%
B. 6.88% and 11.79%
C. 5.88% and 12.79%
D. 3.88% and 13.79%

35. According to Census of India 2011, what is the gap between male and female literacy rate in India?

- A. 21.59% ○ C. 24.84%
- B. 16.68% ○ D. 18.30%

36. According to the Census of India 2011, which group of Union Territories recorded the highest sex ratio?

- A. Chandigarh, Puducherry, Delhi
B. Puducherry, Delhi, Andaman and Nicobar Islands
C. Chandigarh, Puducherry, Lakshadweep
D. Puducherry, Lakshadweep, Andaman and Nicobar Islands

37. According to the Census of India 2011, which group of Union Territories has the highest density of population?

- A. Delhi, Chandigarh and Daman and Diu
B. Lakshadweep, Daman and Diu and Puducherry
C. Delhi, Chandigarh and Puducherry
D. Lakshadweep, Daman and Diu and Chandigarh

38. According to Census of India 2011, which Union Territory has the highest slum population?

- A. Delhi
- B. Chandigarh
- C. Puducherry
- D. Andaman and Nicobar Islands

39. As per Census 2011, which of the following states recorded negative growth in child sex ratio?

- A. Haryana
- B. Himachal Pradesh
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Punjab

40. As per Census of India 2011, which of the following states has the highest percentage of urban population in India?

- A. Mizoram
- B. Gujarat
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Tamil Nadu

41. According Census 2011 of India, which of the following union territories has the second highest literacy rate?

- A. Lakshadweep
- B. Daman and Diu
- C. Chandigarh
- D. Andaman and Nicobar

42. Rank the following states in ascending order, based on their population density, as per Census 2011.

Tripura, Meghalaya, Manipur, Nagaland

- A. Nagaland-Tripura-Manipur-Meghalaya
- B. Nagaland-Manipur-Meghalaya-Tripura
- C. Meghalaya-Tripura-Nagaland-Manipur
- D. Meghalaya-Tripura-Manipur-Nagaland

43. According to the Census of India 2001, how much percentage of the immigrant population was from Sri Lanka?

- A. 7.1%
- B. 2.9%
- C. 8.1%
- D. 1.6%

44. As per Census of India 2011, which of the following states has the highest child sex ratio (in the age group of 0-6 years)?

- A. Chhattisgarh
- B. Rajasthan
- C. Kerala
- D. Mizoram

45. Which Census decade recorded the highest population growth rate (in terms of percentage) in India?

A. 1961-1971

C. 2001-2011

B. 1971-1981

D. 1941-1951

46. As per the Census 1951, the female literacy rate in India was:

A. 15.35%

C. 10.86%

B. 8.86%

D. 5.56%

47. In which year was the first Socio Economic and Caste Census (SECC) conducted in India?

A. 2001

C. 1901

B. 2011

D. 1911

48. According to the census of India 2011, which of the following states is least urbanised?

A. Chhattisgarh

C. Bihar

B. Himachal Pradesh

D. Uttar Pradesh

49. According to the standard definition of Census of India, the marginal worker is a person who works for less than _____ days in a year.

A. 183

C. 173

B. 180

D. 170

50. Which Article of the Constitution of India governs the Population Census?

A. Article 179

C. Article 128

B. Article 233

D. Article 246

51. According to the Census of India-2011, what is the share of workforce engaged in the agriculture sector?

A. 48.9%

C. 54.6%

B. 65.3%

D. 45.8

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ANSWER KEY:

1. B	7. D	13.	19.	25.	3A.	3B.	43.	49.	A
2. C	8. B	14.	2A.	26.	3C.	3D.	4A.	5D.	D
3. D	9. A	15.	2A.	2C.	3A.	3A.	45.	5A.	C
4. B	10.	16.	2D.	2A.	3D.	4B.	4A.	B	
5. A	11.	1D.	23.	2D.	3C.	4B.	4B.	B	
6. B	12.	1A.	2D.	3D.	3C.	4D.	4B.	B	

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