

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

- Total population in 2002 was 833,928
- The average annual population growth rate between 1991 and 2002 was 3.8%
- Population density was 156 persons per square kilometer
- Only 9% of the population was living in urban areas
- The sex ratio was 93 males per 100 females
- Children below 18 years constituted 55% of the population
- Children below 15 years constituted 48% of the population
- The literacy rate was 65% (of the population aged 10 years and above)
- 4 % had a disability
- The mean household size was 5.5 persons
- 72% of the households had access to safe water
- 20% had no access to a toilet facility
- Only 0.8% of the households had access to electricity
- 79% of the households depend mainly on subsistence farming
- Almost all the households (99%) used firewood and charcoal for cooking
- Only 4% of the dwelling units were constructed with permanent roof, wall and floor materials
- 74% of the households used "word of mouth" as their main source of information
- 37% of households owned a radio
- 42% of households owned a bicycle