

1. State Overview

Jharkhand is created after prolonged agitations in the year 2000. Its area is 2.43% of the country and population is 2.62% of country. The state is very rich in natural resources like forest, animals (domestic), and minerals etc. Total tribal population is 60.90 lacs. 111 blocks out of total 211 blocks are in the 5th schedule of Indian constitution.

Population:

- 38.1 % of the population belongs to SC and ST. Total population of the Schedule caste is 3189320 (11.8%) and Schedule Tribe population is 26.3%.
- Overall sex ratio is 941. Urban sex ratio is 870 and rural is 962.
- Population density in the state is 338 persons / square kilometres
- Overall Literacy rate is 53.6. Male literacy rate is 67.3 % whereas female literacy rate is 38.9 %. There is gender gap in literacy is 28.4%.

Infrastructure:

- Road density (per 1000 kms) in the state is less than national average of 16.12 kms. 8184 villages have linked through roads 3935 (approximately 13 %) villages are linked through fair weather roads.
- Total power generation capacity is 1390 megawatt. Per capita power consumption in the state and per capita generation are approx half of the national average. Only 15.5 % villages are electrified so far.
- Total investment in small-scale units (SSI) is 441.43 Cr. SSI are providing employment to 2003344 persons. There is investment of 11578.62 cr. in medium & large-scale industrial units which is providing 73845 persons.

Natural resource:

- State has 29.61% area under forest. Out of which 4387.2 sq kms is reserved, 19184.78sq kms protected and 33.49 unclassified.
- State contributes substantially in the mineral production of the country. The coal production is 32.09%, Iron ore 31.84%,

Copper ore 25.94%, Pyrite 90.98%, Graphite 57.47 and kainite 8.33%.

Jharkhand at a Glance¹		
Number of districts	-	22
Number of divisions	-	4
Number of Sub-divisions	-	33
Number of community development Blocks	-	211
Number of town	-	152
Number of Revenue villages 32,651	-	
Villages as per census	-	
Area (Sq. Kms) 79,714	-	
% of urban population	-	22%
% of ST population	-	
% SC population	-	
Population - Total 09,428	-	2, 69,
Population – Male 61,277	-	1, 38,
Population – Female 48,151	-	1, 30,
Decadal population growth rate (1991-01) 23.2%	-	
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Literacy rate 54.1%	-	

¹ Source-District profile published by Population Foundation of India –November -2003