

Countrywide census from Feb. 27

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The 14th population and housing census, which was postponed due to a delay in the preparation of documentation will be held from Feb. 27 to March 20, 2012.



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Widiyarthne said that the first and second stages of the census had been completed at a cost of Rs. 1,700 mn.

Sri Lanka's access to Information Technology (IT), computer Literacy would be assessed in the census to be conducted countrywide after 30 years, Widiyarthne said.

Addressing the media at the Government Information Department yesterday (04), Director General of Census and Statistics D. B. P.

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"At the third stage, we expect the public to cooperate with the Grama Niladaris and Census officers visiting their houses furnishing accurate information to them," she said, adding that the census would help formulate the develop-

ment strategies of the country.

UNICEF, UNDP and UNFPA are helping the government with the census.

Census and Statistics Department Director D. C. A. Gunawardena said: "We could not conduct a Census fully in the North East. Only the Ampara District was covered fully in the Eastern Province. In other districts in the Eastern Province, the census was conducted partially. In the districts of Mullaitivu and Kilinochchi a census was not conducted at all as they were under LTTE control at that time."

The last countrywide census was conducted in 1981.



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