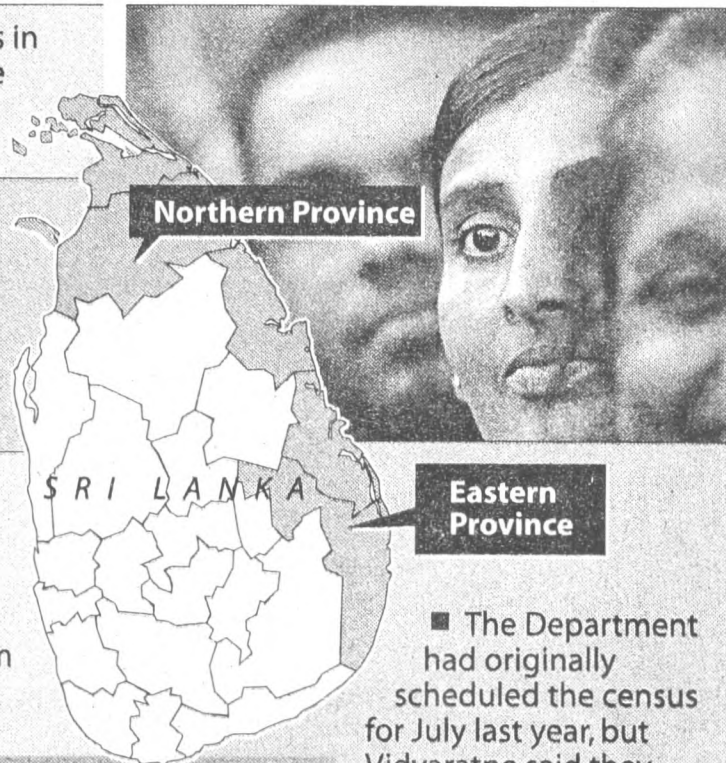


Sri Lanka's first census after 30 years

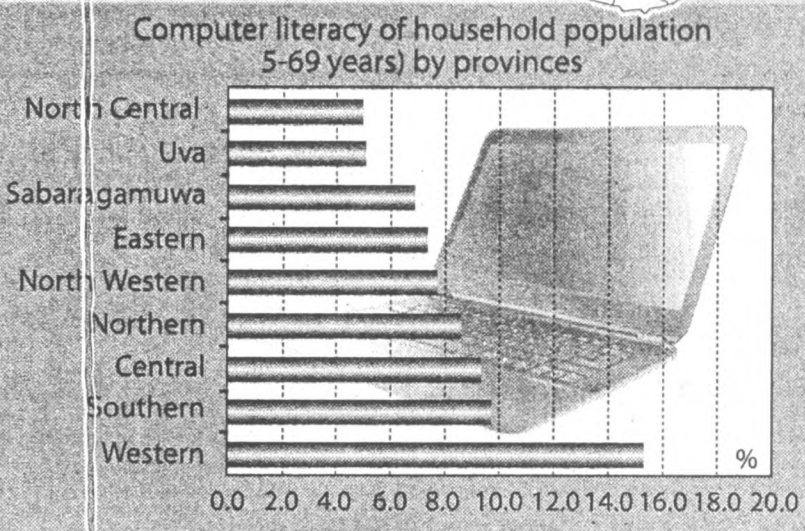
■ Sri Lanka will conduct a census in March, which will cover the entire island for the first time in over 30 years.

■ The Department of Census and Statistics will launch the Initiative on March 20, gathering information on demographics, education, computer literacy, migration and sanitation in homes.

■ "It will be our first full survey since 1981," the statistics office Director General Suranjana Vidyaratne told reporters. "Terrorism in the North and the East had earlier prevented us from doing a detailed islandwide census."



■ The Department had originally scheduled the census for July last year, but Vidyaratne said they needed more time to complete their work.



■ Some 80,000 people will be deployed across the country to collect preliminary data in February, ahead of the main census day.



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