



# NEWS IN BRIEF

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## Department of Census and Statistics - Sri Lanka

### Dr A J Satharasinghe appointed as the new Director General of Dept. of Census and Statistics

With effect from 02nd March 2015, Dr A J Satharasinghe has been appointed as the Director General of the Department of Census and Statistics. He becomes the seventeenth Head of the Institution and the fourth Director General of the Institution.

Having studied at Thurstan College, Colombo, he graduated from the University of Colombo with a First Class in Physical Science, in 1983. He obtained a Master of Science degree from the same University in Applied Statistics in 1989 and a Master of Arts degree in 1998. On a Fulbright fellowship during 1991-1992, he visited the University of California of the United States for further studies. He conferred the Doctorate of Philosophy in Applied Statistics in 2002 by the University of Peradeniya.

He joined the Department in 1987 as a Statistician, and held various positions up the ladder and was appointed as the Additional Director General in 2013. He has worked in many divisions of the Department and possesses a vast knowledge and experience.

He has held various positions in local and international committees and has served in the World Food Programme as a Regional Consultant on Vulnerability Assessment and Mapping Programme.

