



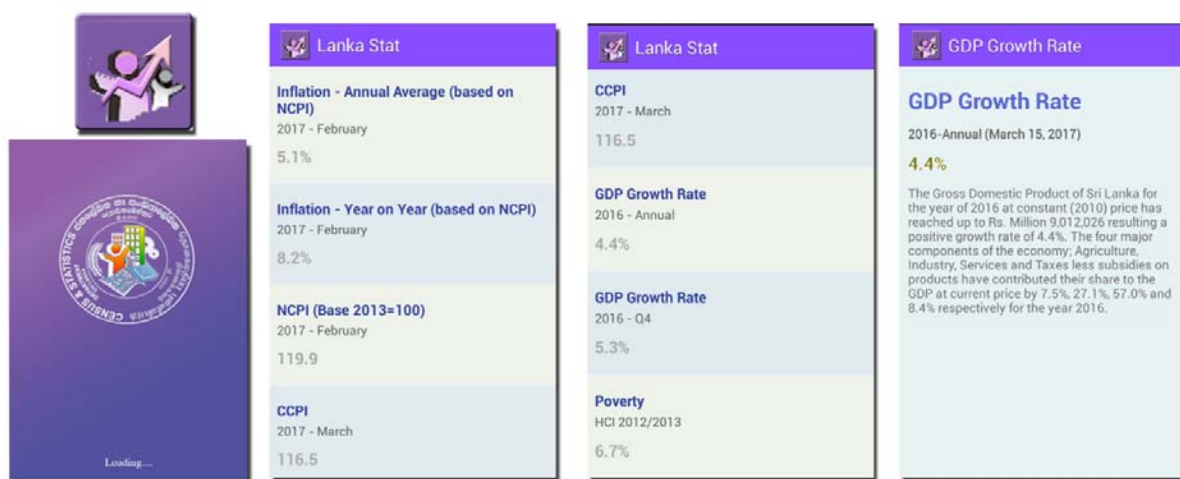
PRESS RELEASE
Launching of “Lanka Stat” Android App and
“Lanka Stat Map” Website
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The Department of Census and Statistics (DCS) launches its’ first mobile data dissemination App named “Lanka Stat” on 26 April, 2017, the Director General of Census and Statistics, Dr. Amara Satharasinghe said. The “Lanka Stat” mobile application, in the first stage, works on Android operating system (OS) based Smart phones including Tablet PCs.

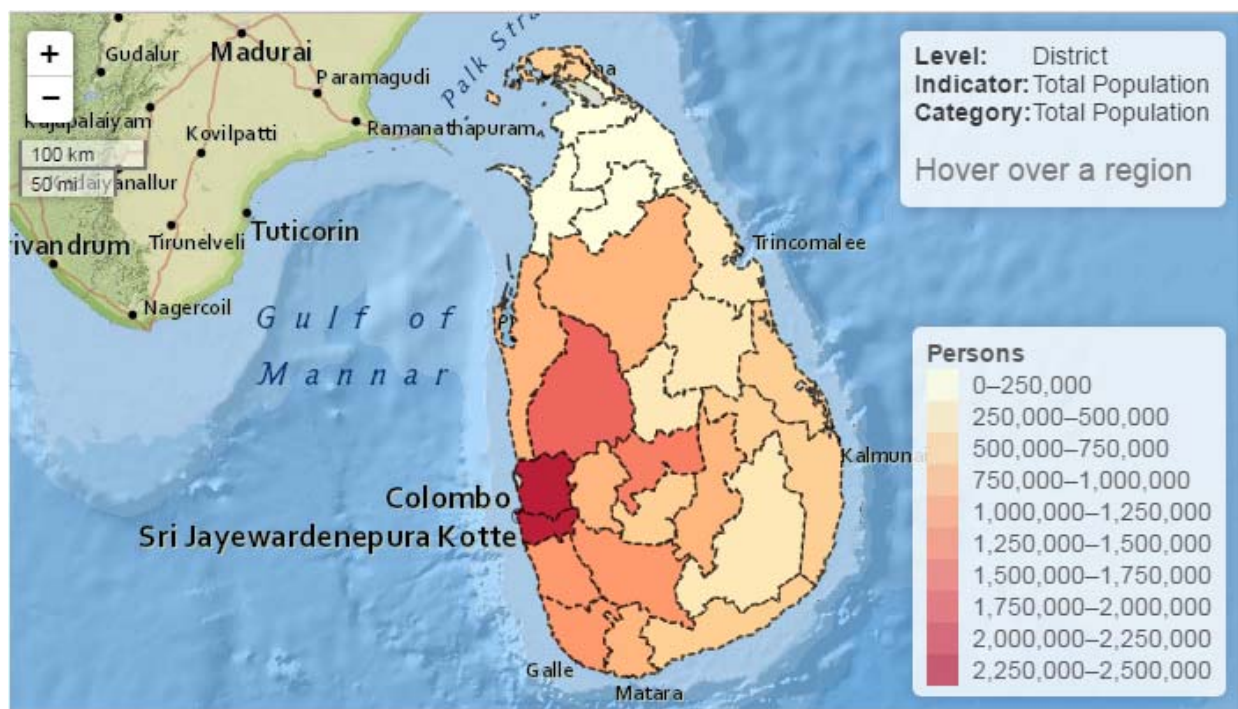
The main objective of this development is to enhance the timeliness and efficiency of data dissemination by sending demographic and socio economic indices released by the department directly to mobile phones of the data users. The “Lanka Stat” Android App could be obtained and get installed on an Android OS based smart phone after searching for the text “LankaStat” in Google Play Store.



Lanka Stat installed smart phones display a message soon after an update or release of a statistic is made by the department and the data users are given an opportunity to get an early and continuous update to be informed about the new releases of statistics of the DCS.

The department gives priority to utilize the Information and Communication Technology Tools to disseminate statistical information to data users in a timely manner to further facilitate and promote evidence based decision making.

In addition to the above development the department also launched a sub website named “**LankaStatMap**” as the newest member to its sub web family on 26 April, 2017. This state-of-the-art sub website could be accessed with any PC or a Smart phone using the official web address “map.statistics.gov.lk” or through the link provided to it on the home page of DCS main website www.statistics.gov.lk. The “LankaStatMap” site is able of display the spatial differences of the statistics disseminated by the DCS for Administrative units (Province, District, Divisional Secretariat and Grama Niladhari division) in many different views using geographical maps.



The main advantage the data users get when using the LankaStatMap website is being able to analyze the DCS statistics comparatively with the geographical information available in different types of Satellite images and Road maps, on which the LankaStatMap sub web site interactively displays the regional statistics. As a first step the information collected in Sri Lanka Census of Population and Housing – 2012 are included in the LankaStatMap sub website and the data is disseminated at all the administrative levels from Province down to the Grama Niladhari Division level, which is the smallest administrative level of the country. By selecting an administrative area all the data related to the selected area could be displayed and analyzed as above.

The department expects that the development of **LankaStatMap** sub website would be an important turning point in the way of providing data to meet development targets of the country as dissemination of statistics related to an administrative unit with all the available geographical information of it gives more power to decision makers and brings more benefits which was a long felt need of the country.