

MAP 19

DISTRIBUTION OF KONKANI SPEAKERS 2011

Konkani language is one of the Scheduled languages spoken in India mainly in Goa and Karnataka state. This language belongs to the Indo-Aryan family of languages. It is the Official Language of the state of Goa and is one of the Scheduled languages, specified in Schedule VIII of the Constitution of India by 71<sup>st</sup> Amendment Act, 1992. In Census 2011, five mother tongues namely, Gorboli/Goru/Gorwani, Konkani, Kudubi/Kudumbi, Malwani and Nawait with more than 10,000 speakers at all India level are grouped under Konkani. The rest of the mother tongues which was returned by below 10,000 speakers as variants of Konkani are grouped under ‘Others’. Konkani is written in Devanagari script

As per Census 2011, there are 22,56,502 Konkani speakers which cover 0.19 per cent of the country’s total population. However, the share of Konkani speakers in Goa is 66.11 per cent of the state’s total population. In India as a whole, it is mainly concentrated in the states of Goa (42.73%), Karnataka (34.93%), Maharashtra (17.69%) and Kerala (3.08%) covering 98.44 per cent of the total Konkani speakers of the country. The other States/UTs having good proportion of Konkani speakers are Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Odisha (0.34% each), Tamil Nadu (0.27%), Gujarat (0.23%) and Andhra Pradesh (0.12%). In the remaining States/Union Territories, their proportion is ranging between 0.01 and 0.10 per cent in 11 States/UTs whereas they are below 0.01 per cent or negligible (1 to 101 only) in 15 States/UTs.

The map displays the geographical distribution of Konkani speakers at the district level in India. Here percentages are calculated on the basis of the number of Konkani speakers in respect to total population of that particular district. Different shades of colour are used in this map to show the percentage distribution of Konkani speaking population throughout the country. The data presented in

this map is grouped in the percentage ranges of 0.01 to 0.02, 0.03 to 0.20, 0.21 to 2.00, 2.01 to 20.00 and 20.01 and above.

The district-wise distribution reveals that out of 640 districts in all over India, Konkani is spoken in 454 districts. Among these, 59 districts have reported the speakers having 0.01 to 0.02 per cent, 41 districts have registered in 0.03 to 0.20 per cent, 20 districts have registered in 0.21 to 2.00 per cent, 5 districts have registered in 2.01 to 20.00 per cent and 2 districts (of Goa) have registered in 20.01 per cent and above Konkani speakers. The remaining 327 districts with Konkani speakers with below 0.01 per cent or negligible percentages have been left blank on the map along with 186 other districts having no Konkani speakers.

In Goa state, the proportion of Konkani speakers in the districts of South Goa and North Goa are 66.44 per cent and 65.86 per cent respectively. Significant proportion of Konkani speakers outside Goa is noticed in Uttar Kannada (18.22%) district followed by Udupi (12.16%), Dakshin Kannada (9.91%), Shimoga (1.47%), Chikmagalur (1.30%), Kodagu (1.16%), Dharwad (0.91%), Bangalore (0.67%) districts in Karnataka; Sindhudurg (2.78%), Dhule (1.96%), Mumbai Suburban (1.63%), Mumbai (1.38%), Ratnagiri (0.97%) and Nashik (0.67%) districts in Maharashtra; Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli (2.26%) and Kasaragod (1.29%), Ernakulam (0.97%) and Alappuzha (0.49%) districts in Kerala. Konkani speakers are reported between 0.01 and 0.50 per cent in 108 districts whereas they are negligible or ‘nil’ in remaining districts.

The distribution of Konkani speakers and percentage to the total Konkani speakers along with the cumulative percentage in the States/Union Territories is given in the following Table 19.

TABLE 19

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| Sl. No. | India/States/Union Territories | Konkani Speakers |          |        |
|---------|--------------------------------|------------------|----------|--------|
|         |                                | Number           | % Share* | Cum. % |
| 1       | 2                              | 3                | 4        | 5      |
|         | INDIA                          | 22,56,502        | 100.00   |        |
| 1       | GOA                            | 9,64,305         | 42.73    | 42.73  |
| 2       | KARNATAKA                      | 7,88,294         | 34.93    | 77.67  |
| 3       | MAHARASHTRA                    | 3,99,255         | 17.69    | 95.36  |
| 4       | KERALA                         | 69,449           | 3.08     | 98.44  |
| 5       | DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI           | 7,756            | 0.34     | 98.78  |
| 6       | ODISHA                         | 7,587            | 0.34     | 99.12  |
| 7       | TAMIL NADU                     | 6,098            | 0.27     | 99.39  |
| 8       | GUJARAT                        | 5,092            | 0.23     | 99.62  |
| 9       | ANDHRA PRADESH                 | 2,729            | 0.12     | 99.74  |
| 10      | NCT OF DELHI                   | 1,553            | 0.07     | 99.81  |
| 11      | MADHYA PRADESH                 | 814              | 0.04     | 99.84  |
| 12      | WEST BENGAL                    | 506              | 0.02     | 99.86  |
| 13      | HARYANA                        | 432              | 0.02     | 99.88  |
| 14      | ASSAM                          | 413              | 0.02     | 99.90  |
| 15      | UTTAR PRADESH                  | 335              | 0.01     | 99.92  |
| 16      | JHARKHAND                      | 265              | 0.01     | 99.93  |
| 17      | RAJASTHAN                      | 255              | 0.01     | 99.94  |

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| 1       | 2                              | 3                | 4        | 5      |
| 18      | CHHATTISGARH                   | 173              | 0.01     | 99.95  |
| 19      | PUNJAB                         | 165              | 0.01     | 99.95  |
| 20      | DAMAN & DIU                    | 142              | 0.01     | 99.96  |
| 21      | PUDUCHERRY                     | 101              | 0.00     | 99.97  |
| 22      | ANDAMAN & NICOBAR IS.          | 99               | 0.00     | 99.97  |
| 23      | CHANDIGARH                     | 86               | 0.00     | 99.97  |
| 24      | UTTARAKHAND                    | 84               | 0.00     | 99.98  |
| 25      | HIMACHAL PRADESH               | 80               | 0.00     | 99.98  |
| 26      | JAMMU & KASHMIR                | 79               | 0.00     | 99.98  |
| 27      | MEGHALAYA                      | 68               | 0.00     | 99.99  |
| 28      | ARUNACHAL PRADESH              | 55               | 0.00     | 99.99  |
| 29      | MIZORAM                        | 54               | 0.00     | 99.99  |
| 30      | NAGALAND                       | 51               | 0.00     | 99.99  |
| 31      | TRIPURA                        | 44               | 0.00     | 100.00 |
| 32      | MANIPUR                        | 32               | 0.00     | 100.00 |
| 33      | SIKKIM                         | 27               | 0.00     | 100.00 |
| 34      | BIHAR                          | 23               | 0.00     | 100.00 |
| 35      | LAKSHADWEEP                    | 1                | 0.00     | 100.00 |

\*The sum of State/UT percentage values may not add up to 100 due to round off and may also not match with cumulative percentage values.

