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NEPAL

NEPAL: Basic Facts



147,181 Sq. Km. Area

: 24.8 **Million** Population (2004)

Growth Rate : 2.25%

(1991-2001)

Border : China (North)

India (East, South and West)

(Average Annual)

Capital : Kathmandu

Literacy : 54.1%

> Male 65.5%

> : 42.8% **Female**

Life Expectancy : **60.4 Years**

NEPAL: Basic Facts (Contd..)

Ecological Belt:

- Mountain
- F Hill
- Terai

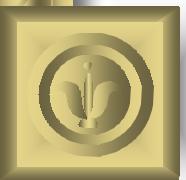
Development Region:

- **Eastern Development Region**
- Central Development Region
- Western Development Region
- Mid-Western Development Region
- Far-Western Development Region

Districts : 75

Municipalities: 58

VDCs : 3915

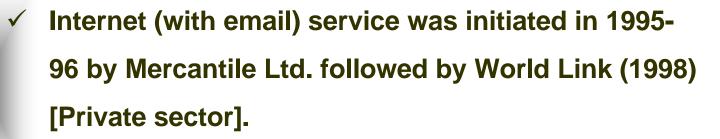


Household with



Indicator	Number	%
Electricity	1,644,499	39.4
Radio	2,229,313	53.4
Television	993,429	23.8
Telephone	264,404	6.33





- Nepal Telecom (Govt. undertaking) started internet services in 2000.
- ✓ Nepal Telecommunications Authority was established in March 1998.
- ✓ Nepal Telecom has been providing internet services in 55 districts.

Community access to ICTS (contd...)



- ✓ Registered Internet Service Providers (ISPs): 26.
- ✓ Cyber Café : Less than 500
- ✓ Internet subscribers : 45,000
- ✓ Internet users : 225,000
- ✓ Localities with access to internet : 1.8%
- **✓** Population with access to internet : 15.8%

Monitoring Mechanism

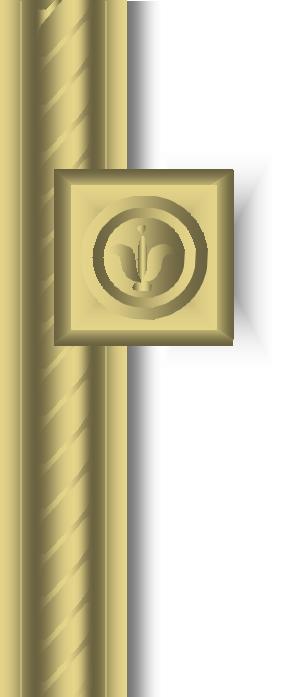


- ✓ Very week
- √ Lack of database
- ✓ Lack of effective coordination





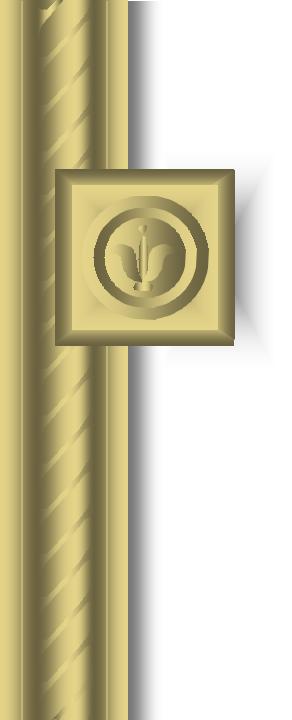
- IT Policy 2002
- Use of internet shall be extended to rural areas
- **Tenth Plan (2002 2007)**
- IT sector strategy / policy
 - Universal access to IT through Community Information Centre in 1500 VDCs.
 - Rs. 293.7 million planned expenditure
- ✓ Telecom Policy 2004
 - Acess to rural people



Conclusion

Need of Strengthening coordination among concerned stakeholders

- Policy Making
 - Ministry of Science and Technology
 - Ministry of Information and Communication
 - National Planning Commission
- Regulating/Monitoring
 - Nepal Telecommunication Authority
- Database
 - Central Bureau of Statistics



Thank You

