

VII - EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Better Economic conditions in turn can be expected to lead to smaller gender disparity in literacy. Women are deprived of education which is the most basic requirement that every human deserves. Education is an asset to every women, that once attained cannot be taken back and which brings prosperity and better life to them. Education helps the girls to have knowledge about birth control, grasp new skills, how to survive and thus can lead their lives in a better way. Lack of education results in early marriage, early child bearing, infant mortality, field work, focusing mainly on the role and importance of the husband and over all human deprivation. Lack of education always brings about poverty.

The main reason for the gender differences in workforce participation and the incidence of self employment is women having less schooling and work experience than men.

In 2001, 74.13% of females were literates as compared to 88.89% males. The female literacy had increased from 65.63% in 1991. Number of girls per 100 boys enrolled in colleges and universities for general education was 153 in 2001-02 which had increased from 144 in 2000-01.

Drop out rates in different levels of school education are significantly less for girls as compared to boys. The difference in the male and female primary enrolment has declined to a great extent over the years but still there is a gap in the male and female literacy levels.

1. PROGRESS OF LITERACY

Sl. No.	Year	Percent of literate to total population		
		Female	Male	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1.	1961	24.64	50.39	37.43
2.	1971	34.62	57.29	46.02
3.	1981	45.71	65.84	55.85
4.	1991	65.63	83.68	74.74
5.	2001	74.13	88.89	81.49

Source:- Directorate of Education, Pondicherry

2. DISTRIBUTION OF FEMALE IN THE AGE GROUP OF 15-44 YEARS BY EDUCATIONAL LEVEL, 1991

U.T.	Rural/ Urban/ Total	Number of women aged 15-44 years	Percentage of women aged 15-44 years by educational level					
			Total	Illiterate	Literate but below middle	Middle but below matric	Matric but below graduate	Graduate and above
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Pondicherry	Rural	69515	100.00	45.39	29.20	13.08	11.31	1.02
	Urban	130293	100.00	23.10	29.05	18.09	23.87	5.89
	Total	199808	100.00	30.85	29.10	16.35	19.50	4.20

Source : Directorate of Census Operations, Pondicherry.

3. LITERATES BY AGE AND SEX (PERCENT)

Sl. No.	Age-Group	1961			1971			1981			1991			2001		
		Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)
1.	5 - 9	38.88	53.55	46.18	45.78	55.09	50.48	56.01	61.77	58.90	88.01	89.41	88.72	NA	NA	NA
2.	10 - 14	49.15	72.38	60.92	63.56	81.90	72.90	73.89	87.67	80.92	92.19	94.97	93.59	NA	NA	NA
3.	15 - 19	39.42	62.56	50.65	61.80	81.83	71.80	68.68	84.60	76.64	83.58	92.13	87.76	NA	NA	NA
4.	20 - 24	32.95	62.55	47.24	50.44	79.33	64.74	65.11	84.84	75.05	74.16	89.82	81.87	NA	NA	NA
5.	25 - 34	25.40	58.46	41.10	34.13	67.09	49.78	53.91	81.19	67.50	66.70	86.05	76.60	NA	NA	NA
6.	35 & above	15.50	54.65	35.40	21.60	57.76	40.23	28.52	63.91	46.45	41.25	72.36	57.09	NA	NA	NA
7.	All Ages	24.64	50.39	37.43	34.62	57.29	46.02	45.71	65.84	55.85	65.63	83.68	74.74	74.13	88.89	81.49
8.	5 & above	28.68	58.85	43.65	40.14	66.50	53.38	51.71	74.48	63.18	65.63	83.68	74.74	NA	NA	NA
9.	10 & above	27.04	59.71	43.23	39.05	68.74	53.95	50.99	76.56	63.88	63.82	83.21	73.60	NA	NA	NA
10.	15 & above	23.49	57.57	40.32	34.43	66.17	50.32	46.57	74.35	60.55	59.26	81.32	70.38	NA	NA	NA

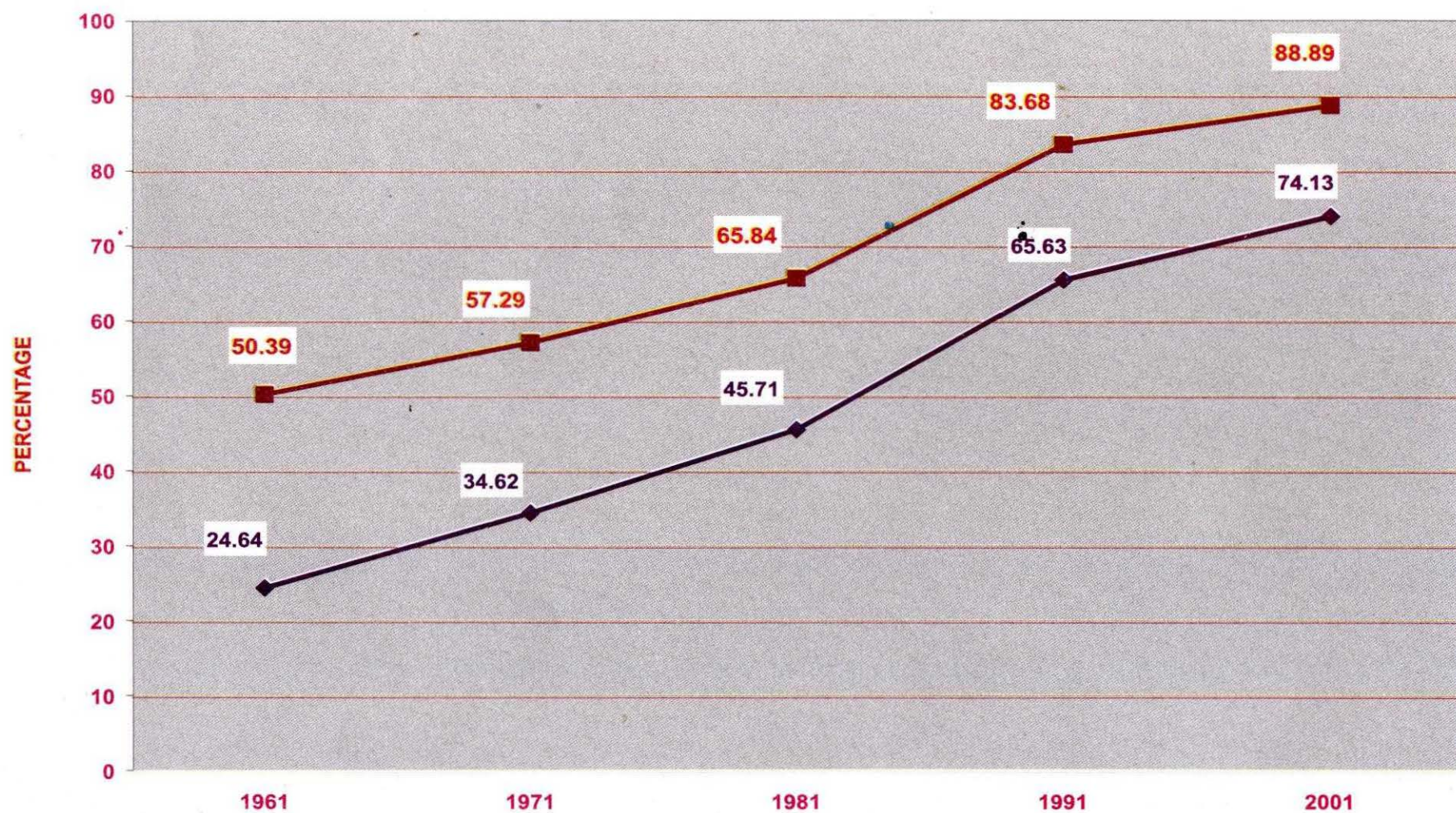
Source:- Directorate of Education, Pondicherry.

Note: 1. Literacy percentage shown against Sl.No. 1 relates to Age group of 5-9 for the years 1961, 1971 and 1981 and Age group of 7-9 for the year 1991

2. Number of literates by age-groups for the year 2001 are yet to be finalised by the Directorate of Census Operations, Pondicherry

PROGRESS OF LITERACY (IN PERCENTAGE)

Female Male



4. PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF POPULATION BY EDUCATIONAL LEVEL (PERCENT)

Sl.No.	Educational level	1971		1981		1991	
		Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
1.	Illiterate	65.38	42.71	54.29	34.16	34.37	16.32
2.	Literate without educational level	15.17	19.61	15.55	18.04	0.23	0.24
3.	Primary	12.41	18.35	15.66	20.15	15.96 22.25	16.07 23.47
4.	Middle	4.64	12.66	6.85	10.34	12.30	15.88
5.	Matriculate/Secondary			5.62	11.65	8.85	15.43
6.	Higher Secondary/Intermediate/Pre-University	2.14	5.44	1.07	2.54	3.10	4.76
7.	Non-technical diploma or certificate not equal to degree	0.01	0.04	0.07	0.10	0.02	0.04
8.	Technical diploma or certificate not equal to degree	-	0.16	0.14	0.53	0.30	1.48
9.	Graduate and above	0.25	1.03	0.75	2.49	2.62	6.31
10.	All levels	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

Source:- Directorate of Education, Pondicherry.

Note:- 1. Percentage of population against Sl.No.3 for the year 1991 may be read as follows:

Below Primary 15.96 16.07

Primary 22.25 23.47

5. GROSS ENROLMENT AS PERCENTAGE TO THE POPULATION OF THE RELEVANT AGE/SEX

Sl.No.	Year	Age (6-10 Years)			Age (11-13 Years)		
		Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
1.	1989 - 90	139.24	143.96	141.68	125.38	126.80	123.87
2.	1990 - 91	139.36	143.52	141.79	125.43	126.78	123.56
3.	1991 - 92	141.42	143.26	142.01	128.60	127.36	126.47
4.	1992 - 93	141.27	143.68	142.28	131.16	132.62	131.19
5.	1993 - 94	138.68	144.28	141.88	133.08	138.14	134.51
6.	1994 - 95	136.13	142.61	139.40	132.39	142.26	137.37
7.	1995 - 96	133.90	142.60	138.25	107.80	116.20	112.00
8.	1996 - 97	107.02	111.34	109.23	114.01	108.82	111.23
9.	1997 - 98	105.20	108.52	106.90	108.63	104.17	106.25
10.	1998 - 99	104.18	107.01	105.63	108.99	105.00	106.85
11.	1999 - 00	105.26	110.20	107.77	107.27	114.75	111.06
12.	2000 - 01	102.12	108.71	105.45	108.68	115.79	112.26
13.	2001 - 02	91.06	99.14	95.11	101.04	108.78	104.90

Source:- Directorate of Education, Pondicherry.

Note:- Gross Enrolment Rate upto the year 2000-01 were derived on the basis of projected population and for the year 2001-02 on the basis of actual population.

6. NUMBER OF GIRLS PER 100 BOYS ENROLLED IN SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES.

Sl. No.	Year	Primary (I-V)	Middle (VI-VIII)	Secondary (IX-X)	Colleges and universities for general education
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1.	1989 - 90	91	79	77	84
2.	1990 - 91	91	83	82	87
3.	1991 - 92	91	85	78	89
4.	1992 - 93	90	89	84	96
5.	1993 - 94	89	89	89	109
6.	1994 - 95	93	92	91	107
7.	1995 - 96	94	94	94	107
8.	1996 - 97	92	91	88	116
9.	1997 - 98	92	91	90	124
10.	1998 - 99	93	90	92	137
11.	1999 - 00	93	91	94	143
12.	2000 - 01	92	93	93	144
13.	2001 - 02	91	93	94	153

Source:- Directorate of Education, Pondicherry.

Column 6 excludes Professional / Technical education.

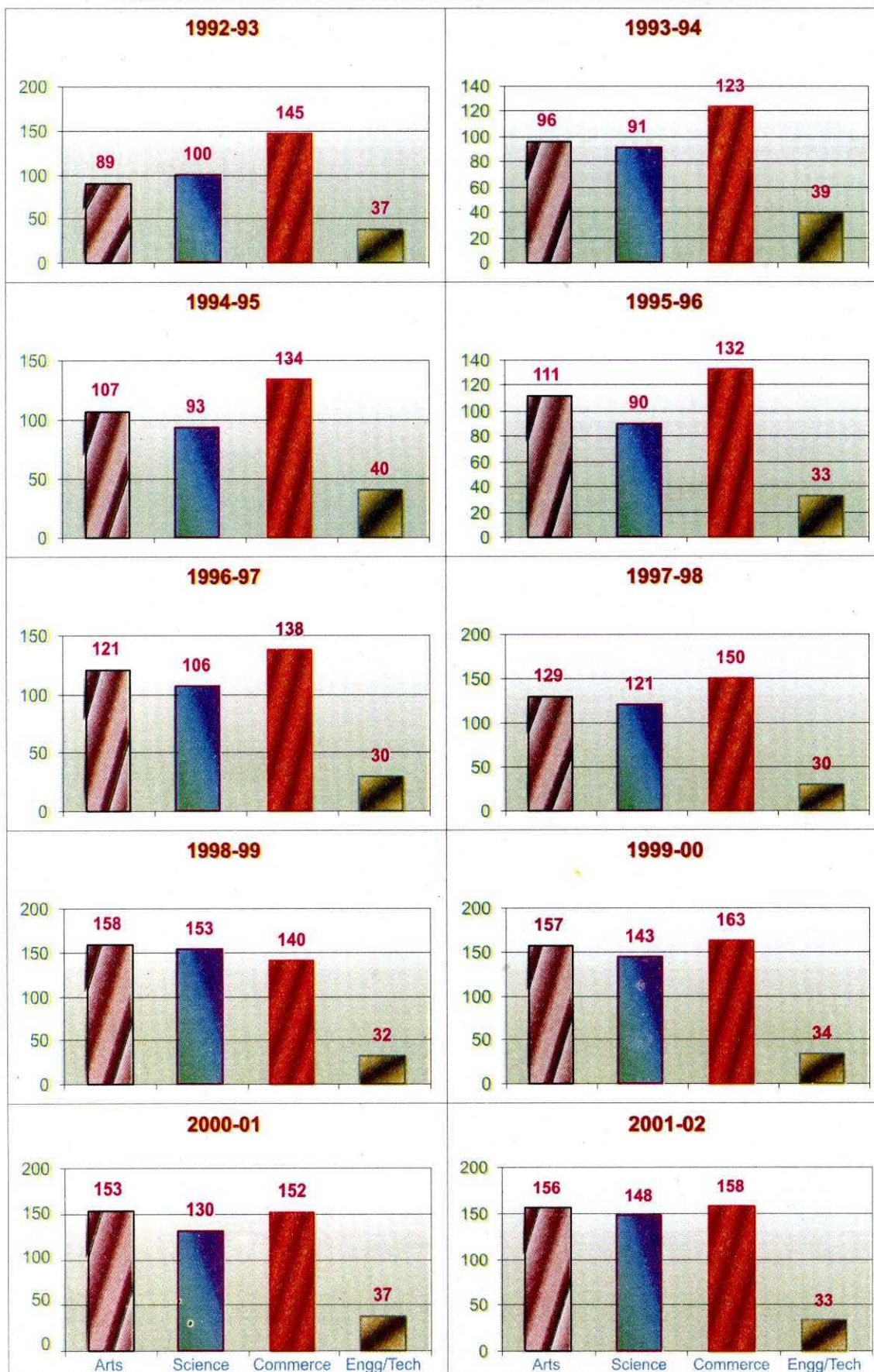
**7. NUMBER OF FEMALES PER 100 MALES IN UNIVERSITY EDUCATION
IN MAJOR DISCIPLINES**

Sl. No.	Year	Arts	Science	Commerce	Engineering/ Technical
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1.	1989 - 90	85	97	109	32
2.	1990 - 91	84	97	109	34
3.	1991 - 92	85	94	108	35
4.	1992 - 93	89	100	145	37
5.	1993 - 94	96	91	123	39
6.	1994 - 95	107	93	134	40
7.	1995 - 96	111	90	132	33
8.	1996 - 97	121	106	138	30
9.	1997 - 98	129	121	150	30
10.	1998 - 99	158	153	140	32
11.	1999 - 00	157	143	163	34
12.	2000-01	153	130	152	37
13.	2001-02	156	148	158	33

Source:- Directorate of Education, Pondicherry.

Note : Column 6 excludes Engineering / Technical courses of diploma level.

NUMBER OF FEMALE PER 100 MALE IN UNIVERSITY EDUCATION



8. DROP OUT RATE (PERCENT) AT DIFFERENT STAGES OF SCHOOL EDUCATION

Sl. No.	Year	Primary(I-V)		Middle(VI-VIII)		Secondary(IX-X)	
		Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
1.	1989 - 90	5.64	1.68	11.35	7.97	0	0
2.	1990 - 91	5.52	1.12	11.03	7.78	0	0
3.	1991 - 92	3.60	1.21	13.61	7.29	0	0
4.	1992 - 93	2.89	3.61	16.32	13.31	0	0
5.	1993 - 94	1.71	0.70	20.31	18.33	0	0
6.	1994 - 95	0.43	4.52	20.42	21.18	0	0
7.	1995 - 96	0.49	4.08	16.41	18.34	0	0
8.	1996 - 97	3.06	1.16	17.88	15.45	0	0
9.	1997 - 98	2.73	2.27	19.36	15.98	0	0
10.	1998 - 99	-	0.78	12.61	12.12	0	0
11.	1999 - 00	0.27	0.62	10.28	12.72	0	0
12.	2000 - 01	0.25	0.51	9.66	11.54	0	0
13.	2001-02	0.82	0.89	9.44	12.15	0	0

Source:- Directorate of Education, Pondicherry.

**9. NUMBER OF FEMALE TEACHERS PER 100 MALE TEACHER AT
DIFFERENT LEVELS OF EDUCATION**

Sl. No.	Year	Primary Schools	Middle Schools	Secondary Schools	Higher Secondary School	Colleges and Universities
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
1.	1989 - 90	78	65	83	45	33
2.	1990 - 91	78	69	86	49	34
3.	1991 - 92	97	97	86	60	30
4.	1992 - 93	96	100	67	60	30
5.	1993 - 94	102	95	100	60	31
6.	1994 - 95	91	126	107	73	29
7.	1995 - 96	106	127	107	73	34
8.	1996 - 97	112	135	115	77	32
9.	1997 - 98	105	134	100	85	30
10.	1998 - 99	114	110	118	86	27
11.	1999 - 00	116	117	118	88	35
12.	2000 - 01	103	115	115	100	37
13.	2001 - 02	124	117	127	102	35

Source:- Directorate of Education, Pondicherry.

Note :Column 7 includes colleges for general education as well as professional / technical education but excludes institutions offering courses of diploma level.

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