SI.No.	Name of the District	Literates			Literacy Rate (%)		
		Persons	Male	Female	Persons	Male	Female
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Puducherry UT	966600	502575	464025	86.55	92.12	81.22
2	Yanam District	39807	20186	19621	80.26	83.63	77.07
3	Puducherry District	733075	384551	348524	86.13	92.07	80.40
4	Mahe District	36730	16798	19932	98.35	99.24	97.61
5	Karaikal District	156988	81040	75948	87.83	93.36	82.61

1a. LITERATES & LITERACY RATE 2011 CENSUS (PROVISIONAL)

Source: O/o Registrar General & Census Commissioner, India

Table 1 a reveals that the female literacy rate of Puducherry Union Territory stands at 81.22% in the 2011 Census (Provisional) as against 73.90% in the 2001 census. The U.T of Puducherry stands seventh in rank in female literacy among all States/UTS. Thus, the Union Territory is far ahead than the national average of 65.46% in female literacy in 2011 census. Among the districts Mahe with 97.61% ranks first in female literacy followed by Karaikal 82.61%, Puducherry 80.40% and Yanam 77.07%..The gap in literacy rate between males and females has been reduced from 14.72 in 2001 to 10.90 in 2011.