

## **National Population Policy 2000**

On 11 May, 2000 India is projected to have 1 billion (100 Crore) people and 16 % of world's population on 2.4% of the globe's land area. If current trend continue, India may overtake China in 2045 and will become most populous country in the world. While global population has increased threefold during this century, from 2 billion to 6 billion, the population of India has increased nearly fivefold from 238 million (23 crore) to 2 billion (100 crore) in the same period.

### **Bare facts:**

- Every sixth person on the globe today is an Indian and by the turn of this century every fifth living person will be an India.
- India adds about 10 lakh persons to its population every fortnight.
- India is added one Australia every eight months.
- By 2045 or earlier, India would overtake China as the world's most populous nation.
- 49 percent of the increase in India's population is from four states – Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and UP, (BIMARU states).