

GANDIA



1. **Location** : Malkangiri, Nowrangapur
2. **Language** : Gondi (Dravidian)
3. **Major Occupation** : Hunting, Food Gathering, Forestry, Animal Husbandry, Agrl. Labour
4. **Major Festivals & Rituals** : Bijapandu, Kurumpandu, Dussera, Sikud Pandu, Bimud Pandu
5. **Religion** : Autonomous Tribal Religion

6. Other Distinct Socio-Cultural Features : The **Gandia** lives in the southernmost part of Orissa, concentrated in Podia, Motu, and Malkangiri blocks. Typical palisade bamboo fencing all around is a distinguishing feature of Gandia settlements. Very close to their settlements one notices stone pillars and wooden posts erected in memory of their dead ancestors. The number of houses in a village varies from ten to thirty. Each house, its courtyard and adjoining kitchen garden are nicely fenced by bamboo splits. They have mud houses beautifully thatched by a type of jungle grass. Houses are rectangular giving shelters to their pigs and fowls. Herds of cattle are put or tethered in front courtyard. They worship mother-earth as village deity. They offer sacrifices of eggs, pigeons, fowls, goats, and pigs, cows and buffaloes to their deities and spirits. Their kins, *kutumb*, and affines, *wiwalwand*, are clearly distinguished. Marriage is termed as *pendul*. Marriages by service, intrusion, and exchange are also practised. The custom of bride price is prevalent. Marriage negotiation starts at an early age. They observe rites de passage; secondary burial ritual is observed most elaborately. The traditional village council is headed by *pedda*, the village headman, and *perma*, the priest. The posts of *pedda* and *perma* are hereditary.

7. Selected Demographic Profile and Parameters :

Sl.No.	Parameters		Census Year						
			1961	1971	1981	1991	2001	2011	
1	Population	Total	199	2225	2263	3588	1345	1854	
		Male	93	1124	1140	1790	665	884	
		Female	106	1101	1123	1798	680	970	
2	Decadal Growth Rate			1018.09	1.71	58.55	- 62.51	37.84	
3	Sex Ratio		1140	980	985	1004	1023	1097	
4	Literacy Rate	Total	6.00	7.90	3.80	8.94	30.00	35.81	
		Male	3.23	9.79	6.14	14.80	39.52	43.07	
		Female	7.55	5.99	1.42	2.95	20.69	29.35	
5	Workers	Total Workers	Total	86	556	1071	2000	586	876
			Male	40	479	737	860	371	488
			Female	46	77	334	1140	215	388
		Main Workers		-	-	1001	1612	331	404
		Marginal Workers		-	-	70	388	255	472

6	WPR		43.22	24.99	47.33	55.74	43.57	47.25
7	Marital Status	Never Married	106	1123	1140	1723	639	-
		Married	90	962	1045	1704	644	-
		Widow	3	137	69	159	62	-
		Divorced or Separated	-	3	9	2	-	-
		Un-specified	-	-	-	-	-	-
8	Dependency Ratio		1.31 : 1	1.53 : 1	0.78 : 1	0.64 : 1	0.77 : 1	-
9	* Child Population	Population	93	1030	288	714	255	321
		Ratio to Total Population	0.47 : 1	0.46 : 1	0.13 : 1	0.20 : 1	0.19 : 1	0.17:1
10	** Population in the working age group		86	878	1271	2183	762	-

* Child Population for 1961 & 1971=0-14 yrs, For 1981 = 0-4 yrs, For 1991 & 2001 = 0-6 yrs

** Working Age Group Population for 1961 & 1971=15-44 yrs, For 1981, 1991 & 2001=15-59 yrs

DISTRICTWISE DISTRIBUTION OF POPULATION (1961 - 2011)

SI.No.	Name of the Old & New District		YEAR					
			1961	1971	1981	1991	2001	2011
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	Balasore	Balasore	-	-	01	40	-	0
2		Bhadrak	-	-	-	-	-	0
3	Bolangir	Bolangir	26	-	72	53	09	3
4		Sonepur	-	-	-	-	-	0
5	Cuttack	Cuttack	03	-	03	44	04	0
6		Jagatsinghpur	-	-	-	-	-	7
7		Jajpur	-	-	-	-	76	0
8		Kendrapara	-	-	-	-	01	0
9	Dhenkanal	Dhenkanal	-	917	4	61	45	0
10		Anugul	-	-	-	-	-	8
11	Ganjam	Ganjam	-	03	-	-	28	0
12		Gajapati	-	-	-	-	-	0
13	Kalahandi	Kalahandi	-	09	31	81	24	8
14		Nuapara	-	-	-	-	24	0
15	Keonjhar	Keonjhar	-	06	04	170	15	18
16	Koraput	Koraput	132	1191	2099	2489	16	34
17		Malakangiri	-	-	-	-	728	1020
18		Nowrangapur	-	-	-	-	111	195
19		Rayagada	-	-	-	-	03	0
20	Mayurbhanj	Mayurbhanj	-	95	03	403	-	6
21	Phulbani	Kandhamal	13	01	06	01	-	3
22		Boudh	-	-	-	-	-	0
23	Puri	Puri	-	-	06	06	-	3
24		Khurda	-	-	-	-	08	22
25		Nayagarh	-	-	-	-	-	0
26	Sambalpur	Sambalpur	25	-	12	206	199	22
27		Baragarh	-	-	-	-	14	312
28		Deogarh	-	-	-	-	-	1
29		Jharsuguda	-	-	-	-	06	158
30	Sundergarh	Sundergarh	-	03	22	34	34	34
		Total	199	2225	2263	3588	1345	1854

Source : Census of India ' 1961, 1971, 1981, 1991, 2001 & 2011





