KEY SOCIAL INDICATORS

PHYSICAL FEATURES AND CLIMATE

Location
Between 5° 55’ & 9° 50’ North Latitude
Between 79° 31’ & 81° 53’ East Longitude

Distance
433 km (269 miles) North to South
226 km (140 miles) West to East

Elevation
2,525 metres (8,284 ft.) Highest

Area
Total area : 65,610 sq.km.
Land area : 62,705 sq.km.
Inland waters : 2,905 sq.km.

Climate
Low country : min. 24.6° C - max. 32.3° C
Hill country : min. 18.4° C - max. 27.6° C

POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS

Population Statistics (a)
Mid-year population ('000) (2019) : 21,803
Age distribution ('000) (2019)
0 - 14 years : 5,504
15 - 64 years : 14,589
65 years and over : 1,710
Crude birth rate (2019) : 14.6 per 1,000 persons
Crude death rate (2019) : 6.6 per 1,000 persons
Rate of natural increase (2019) : 8.0 per 1,000 persons
Infant mortality rate (2015) : 8.5 per 1,000 live births
Dependency ratio (2019) : 49.4%
Average household size (2016) (b) : 3.8 persons

Employment (2019)
Employed persons ('000) (c) : 8,181
Agriculture : 25.3%
Industry : 27.6%
Services : 47.1%
Public sector employees ('000) (d) : 1,434
State sector : 52.5%
Provincial public sector : 30.3%
Semi government sector : 17.2%

Income Distribution (b)
Gini coefficient of household income (2016) : 0.45
Mean household income (2016) : Rs. 62,237 per month
Median household income (2016) : Rs. 43,511 per month

Poverty (b)
Average daily kilo calorie intake (2016) : 2,095
Poverty Head Count Index : 8.9 (2009/10)
: 6.7 (2012/13)
: 4.1 (2016)

Human Development Index (2018) : 0.780
Rank among 189 countries : 71

Expectation of Life at Birth (2017) : 75.5 years

Literacy Rate (2018) (c)
Average : 92.5%
Male : 93.4%
Female : 91.6%

General Education
Area covered by a school (g) sq. km. : 6.5
Student/teacher ratio (g) number : 17.0
Age specific enrolment ratio (grade 1-9) (2018) per cent : 95.4
Primary net enrolment ratio (2018) per cent : 91.9

University Education (h)
Student/teacher ratio number : 17.7
Age specific enrolment ratio (age 19-23 yrs) (i) per cent : 7.5
Progression to university from GCE (A/L) Eligible for university admission per cent : 62.9
: Admission as a percentage of eligible (2018) per cent : 19.1
Government expenditure on education (j) per cent of GDP : 1.9

Public Health
Hospital beds per 1,000 persons : 3.6
Persons per doctor number : 1,203
Nurses per 10,000 persons : 17.6
Government expenditure on health per cent of GDP : 1.6

Water Supply & Sanitation
Access to safe drinking water per cent : 91.9
Access to pipe borne water per cent : 51.8

Transport
Length of national roads (A & B) km : 12,220
Length of expressways km : 217.8
Length of operating railway track km : 1,648

Communications
Telephone penetration
Fixed lines per 100 persons : 10.5
Including cellular phones per 100 persons : 161.4
Internet penetration (e) per 100 persons : 61.5
Average population served by a post office number : 4,872

Financial Infrastructure
Banks
Branches of LCBs (f) number : 2,907
Branches of LSBs (f) number : 697
Credit cards in use per 100,000 persons : 8,504
Banking density branches per 100,000 persons : 17

Other financial institutions
Branches of LFCs number : 1,374
Branches of SLCs number : 58
Branches of LMFCs number : 106
ATMs per 100,000 persons : 23

Note : Data for 2019 are provisional
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(b) Based on Household Income and Expenditure Survey (2016), Department of Census and Statistics (DCS)
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(f) All banking outlets excluding student savings units
(g) Government schools only
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Per capita electricity consumption kWh 670.2

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