

## KEY SOCIAL INDICATORS

### PHYSICAL FEATURES

#### Location

Between 5°55' & 9°50' North Latitude  
 Between 79°42' & 81°53' East Longitude  
 435 km (270 miles) North to South  
 240 km (150 miles) West to East  
 Highest elevation : 2,524 meters (8,281 ft.)

#### Area

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

#### Climate

Low country : min. 24.4 °C - max. 31.7 °C  
 Hill country : min. 17.1 °C - max. 26.3 °C  
 Annual rainfall (average) : 1,630 mm

### POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS

Mid year population ('000) in 2002 : 19,007

#### Age distribution ('000)

0 - 14 yrs : 4,699  
 15 - 64 yrs : 12,443  
 65 years and over : 1,865

Population density : 304 persons per sq.km.

Crude birth rate (2002) : 19.1 per '000  
 Crude death rate (2002) : 5.8 per '000  
 Rate of natural increase (2002) : 13.3 per '000  
 Infant mortality rate (2001) : 12.2 per '000 live births  
 Dependency ratio : 52.8 %  
 Average household size : 4.2

#### Expectation of life at birth (1996/2001)

Male : 70.7 years  
 Female : 75.4 years

#### Literacy rate (1994)

Overall : 90.1 %  
 Male : 92.5 %  
 Female : 87.9 %

#### Income distribution of income receivers

(For six month income) 1996/97

Gini coefficient : 0.4637

#### Poverty

Population below US \$ 1 a day (1995) : 6.6 %  
 Population below US \$ 2 a day (1995) : 45.4 %  
 Mean income (nominal) (1996/97) : Rs. 5,760 per month.  
 Median income (nominal) (1996/97) : Rs. 3,878 per month  
 Daily calorie intake (1996/97) : 2,337

#### Human Development Index (2000) : 0.741

Rank among 173 countries : 89

#### Employment

Employed persons ('000) (2002 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter) : 6,409  
 Agriculture : 33.1 %  
 Industry : 21.1 %  
 Services : 45.8 %

Government employees (2002) : 909,660

State sector : 36.2 %  
 Provincial public sector : 33.9 %  
 Semi government sector : 29.9 %

#### Transport

Length of national roads (A & B) : 11,547 km  
 Length of railway route : 1,447 km

#### Water supply & sanitation

Access to safe drinking water : 70 %  
 Access to pipe borne water : 35 %

Unit                      2002

#### Electricity

Households with electricity                      per cent                      62.3  
 Per capita electricity consumption              kWh/person                      297

#### Communications

Telephone density :  
     fixed lines                                      per 100 persons                      4.7  
     including cellular phones                      per 100 persons                      9.5  
 Internet and e-mail                                      per 1,000 persons                      3.7  
 Average population served  
     by a post office                                      number                                      4,102

#### Health

Hospital beds(a)                                      per 1,000 persons                      3.6  
 Doctors(a)    persons per doctor                      2,300  
 Nurses(a)    per 10,000 persons                      12.1  
 Expenditure on health                                      per cent of GDP                      1.51

#### General education

School density  
     (area covered by a school)                      sq. km.                                      6.2  
 Pupil/teacher ratio  
     (government schools)                                      number                                      21  
 Age specific enrolment ratio  
     (Age 5 - 19 Yrs)                                      per cent                                      64.62

#### University education

Pupil/teacher ratio                                      number                                      14.2  
 Age specific enrolment ratio  
     (age 20-24 yrs)                                      per cent                                      2.4  
 Progression to university from GCE (A/L)  
     Eligible for university admissions                      per cent                                      50.65  
     Admission as a percentage of eligible                      per cent                                      13.25  
     Expenditure on education                                      per cent of GDP                      2.28

#### Banking

Total number of commercial banks              number                                      23  
     Domestic banks                                      number                                      11  
     Foreign banks                                      number                                      12  
 ATMs    per 100,000 persons                      3.3  
 Credit cards issued                                      per 100,000 persons                      1,690  
 Banking density :  
     No. of bank branches                                      per 100,000 persons                      6.1

(a) Including private hospitals

Sources: Relevant Institutions and  
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