KEY SOCIAL INDICATORS

PHYSICAL FEATURES AND CLIMATE

Location

Between 5° 55′ & 9° 50′ North Latitude

Between 79° 42′ & 81° 53′ East Longitude

432 km (270 miles) North to South

224 km (140 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) mm :

  (2007) 1,640 (2008) 2,020

Number of Rainy days :

  (2007) 91   (2008) 99

POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS

Mid-year population ('000) in 2008 : 20,217

Age distribution   ('000) - 2008

0 - 14 yrs	:	5,386
15 - 64 yrs	:	13,536
65 years and over	:	1,295

Population density (2008)	:	322 persons per sq.km.
Crude birth rate (2008)	:	18.8 per 1,000
Crude death rate (2008)	:	5.8 per 1,000
Rate of natural increase (2008)	:	13.0 per 1,000
Infant mortality rate (2004)	:	12.0 per 1,000 live births
Dependency ratio (2003)	:	49.3 %
Average household size (2006/2007)(a) : 4.1		

Expectation of life at birth (2006)

Male	:	68.2 years
Female	:	75.8 years

Literacy rate (2006)

Average	:	90.8 %
Male	:	92.7 %
Female	:	89.1 %

Income distribution (a)

Gini coefficient of household income (2006/2007) : 0.49

Mean household income (2006/2007) : Rs. 26,286 per month

Median household income (2006/2007) : Rs. 16,735 per month

Poverty

Population below US $ 1 a day (1990-2005) : 5.6 %

Population below US $ 2 a day (1990-2005) : 41.6 %

Average daily calorie intake (2006/2007) (a) : 2,118

Percentage of poor households (Poverty Head Count Index) (a):

      (1995/96) 28.8 (2002) 22.7 (2006/2007) 15.2

Human Development Index (2006) : 0.742

Rank among 179 countries : 104

Employment (b)

Employed persons ('000) (2008) : 7,175

Agriculture	:	32.7%
Industry	:	26.3%
Services	:	41.0%

Government employees ('000) (2008) : 1,259

State sector	:	51.2%
Provincial public sector	:	28.0%
Semi government sector	:	20.8%

PHYSICAL AND SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES

Transport

Length of national roads (A & B)	:	11,902	km
Length of railway route	:	1,200	km

	Unit	2008
Water Supply & Sanitation		
Access to safe drinking water	per cent	78.0
Access to pipe borne water	per cent	34.5
Electricity		
Households with electricity	per cent	83.0
Per capita electricity consumption	kWh/person	416.4
Communications		
Telephone density		
Fixed lines	per 100 persons	17.1
Including cellular phones	per 100 persons	71.9
Internet and e-mail	per 1,000 persons	11.6
Average population served		
by a post office	number	4,268
Public Health		
Hospital beds	per 1,000 persons	3.3
Persons per doctor	number	1,552
Nurses	per 10,000 persons	11.4
Government expenditure on health	percent of GDP (c)	1.7
General Education		
School density		
(area covered by a school)	sq. km.	6.3
Pupil/teacher ratio		
(government schools)	number	19
Age specific enrolment ratio		
(age 5 -19 yrs) (2007)	per cent	71.5
Primary net enrolment ratio (2007)	per cent	89.9
University Education		
Pupil/teacher ratio	number	15
Age specific enrolment ratio		
(age 20-24 yrs)	per cent	3.8
Progression to university from GCE (A/L)		
Eligible for university admissions	per cent	58.5
Admission as a percentage of eligible	per cent	16.5
Government expenditure on education	per cent of GDP (c) (d)	2.3
Banking		
Total number of commercial banks	number	22
Domestic banks	number	11
Foreign banks	number	11
ATMs	per 100,000 persons	8.4
Credit cards issued	per 100,000 persons	4,538
Banking density:		
No. of bank branches	per 100,000 persons	10.2