• **416 million i.e. 41.6%** of India’s population lives below $1/day: ¹

• **275 million i.e. 27.5%** of India lives below the National Poverty Line: ²

• **35.2%** of India’s population is still illiterate³

• **40 million Indian children (i.e.1/3rd of total world’s children population)** between the ages of 6-11 years are out of school in India⁴

• **40 to 80 million Indians live with disability.⁵**

• As of 2003, it was estimated that **70% of India’s wastewater is flowing into rivers or groundwater.⁶**

• As of 1991 there were approximately **10 hospital beds per 10,000 individuals in India i.e 1 bed for every 1000 individuals.⁷**

• India still has a high unemployment rate of **6.80%** ⁸

• India’s “grey” (elderly) population stands at **90 million** (current estimate) and growing. ⁹

• India’s national capital alone is believed to have more than **250,000 stray dogs**¹⁰

• **2.5 m people are living with HIV¹¹**

• There are over **2.5 m people suffering from cancer** and many of them cannot afford treatment¹²

• **One out of every two** young children in India is malnourished¹³

• **Less than one fourth of rural population use toilets¹⁴**

• **Only 4 out of 10 girls** who enroll complete eight years of schooling¹⁵

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² National Sample Survey Organization 61st round, 2004/05
³ Census 2001
⁴ Save the Children
⁵ World Bank Report on Persons with Disability in India
⁶ Using shame to change sanitary habits, Los Angeles Times, 6 September 2007
⁷ NATIONAL HEALTH POLICY - 2002
⁸ http://www.indexmundi.com/india/unemployment_rate.html, CIA World Factbook
⁹ Helpage India
¹¹ UN AIDS Report 2007
¹² ICMR Report Apr 2009
¹³ UNICEF
¹⁴ UNICEF
¹⁵ UNICEF