



Pollution Solution?



Air pollution is not just a failure of the government and markets, but also of the society that comprises people like us. Just as we must hold the government accountable and regulate markets, we need to start correcting societal failures by evolving norms against selfish behaviour. This approach is a relatively untapped one for solving many contemporary Indian problems.



A tale of two Indias

India has jumped from rank 77 to 63 since last year on the Ease of Doing Business (EODB) index. Meanwhile, India ranks at 102 out of 117 countries on the Global Hunger Index (GHI). While market-friendly reforms leading to enterprise and job creation are necessary, we must also prioritise progress in child nutrition and health.

Don't break encryption!

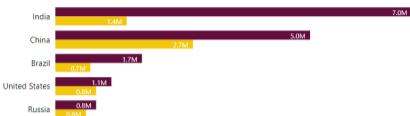
As much as diluting end-to-end encryption could keep us safer in the short term, the long-term impact on cybersecurity is too high a cost to pay. Rather than weakening security even an iota, we need to ensure that our communication infrastructure is as robust as possible.

(Source: Rahul Matthan/Livemint)



Police Officers vs Private Security Workers by Country, 2017

● Private Security Workers ● Police Officers



With almost the same population as China, India has far fewer police officers per person.

(Source: The Guardian)

Parting shot:

Avg. Consumption/person/month

2014: Rural - ₹1,587 ; Urban - ₹2,926

2018: Rural - ₹1,524 ; Urban - ₹2,909

Consumption in rural India has declined almost 4 times as sharply as urban India, indicating rural distress.

(Source: Livemint)

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