



## Changing Aspirations



Over the last 25 years, global population below the extreme poverty line has reduced by 26%, with substantial declines seen in India. While poverty has reduced, income inequality has increased. This shift in India's poverty structure necessitates betterment in education, health & housing. The state needs to develop its capacity and embrace private sector participation to meet evolving public aspirations.



## **This Time It's Personnel**

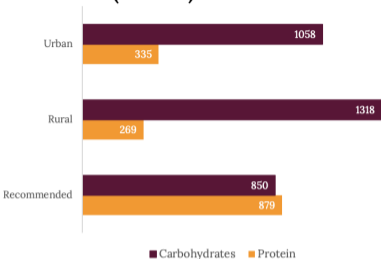
The Personal Data Protection Bill leaves a lot for the incoming Data Protection Authority (DPA) to do. So, DPA should be staffed with members beyond the traditional pool of candidates. While most Indian regulators tend to be comprised of bureaucrats & retired judges, DPA should be filled with experts well acquainted with tech, law & privacy.

## **An Ocean of Possibilities**

Sri Lanka's geo-strategic location will continue to attract China. However, no Sri Lankan government would be able to completely ignore India's concerns on security either. Political trajectory under Gotabaya Rajapaksa will determine the course of security competition in the Indian Ocean.



# Carbs v Protein Daily Intake for Indians (in kcal)



*Indians eat more carbs & less protein than recommended*

(Source: LiveMint, The EAT-Lancet Commission)

## **Parting shot:**

Avg digital transactions/year/inhabitant (2017)

India: 18.3

China: 96.3

~8% of India's population use digital payments v over 45% for China

(Source: Reserve Bank of India)

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