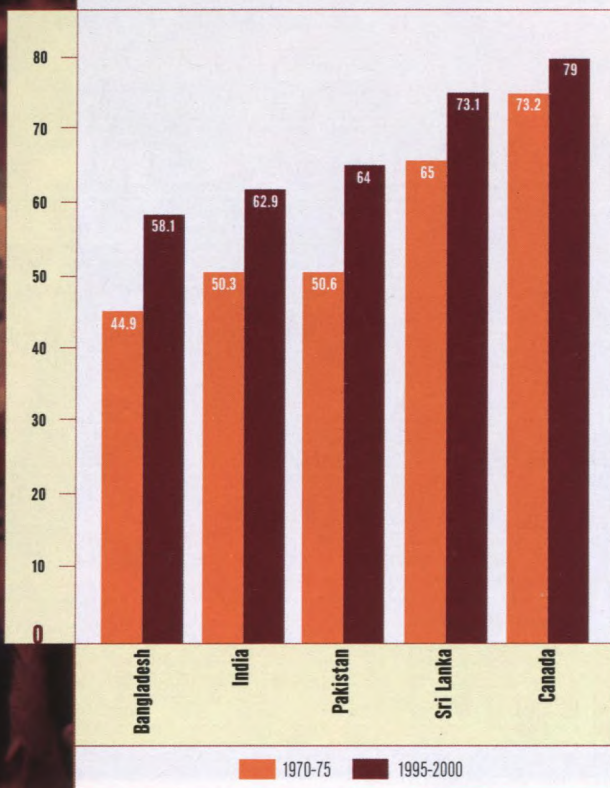


Tomorrow's Generation

Life Expectancy at Birth (years)



Source: UNDP Human Development Report 2000

Picture this: the entire population of Canada, about 30 million, could fit into India's three largest cities – Mumbai (formerly Bombay), Kolkata (formerly Calcutta), and Delhi.

Canada has 3.0 residents per square kilometre, while India has 324 and South Asia has 273. The population of India alone has reached the one billion mark, which is 16% of the world's population.

Did you know

that South Asia's population growth is slowing down? The 2001 Census by the Government of India shows that the population growth rate, measured every ten years, fell by 2.5% – the sharpest decline since independence.