Figure 1: Real GDP growth in South Asia has been impressive in the recent past

Figure 2: Poverty (head count index) in South Asia is declining in recent years
**Figure 3: Poverty reduction in South Asia associated with economic growth**

- **Sri Lanka**: 4% poverty rate, 13% in 2013 with 7% GDP growth rate, 23% in 2013 with 10% GDP growth rate.
- **Pakistan**: 10% poverty rate, 13% in 2013 with 7% GDP growth rate, 35% in 2013 with 10% GDP growth rate.
- **Nepal**: 15% poverty rate, 9% in 2013 with 7% GDP growth rate, 31% in 2013 with 10% GDP growth rate.
- **India**: 23% poverty rate, 13% in 2013 with 7% GDP growth rate, 50% in 2013 with 10% GDP growth rate.
- **Bangladesh**: 20% poverty rate, 13% in 2013 with 7% GDP growth rate, 50% in 2013 with 10% GDP growth rate.

**Legend**:
- □ Most recent poverty estimate (%)
- ■ Poverty incidence in 2013 with 7% GDP growth rate
- ▶ Poverty incidence in 2013 with 10% GDP growth rate

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**Figure 4: The two Indias**

- **Weighted Average of 7 States below the National Average**:
  - Per capita GDP 2002/03: 3
  - Per capita GDP growth: 8,183

- **Weighted Average of 7 States above the National Average**:
  - Per capita GDP 2002/03: 4
  - Per capita GDP growth: 15,843

- **Weighted Average of Bihar and UP**:
  - Per capita GDP 2002/03: 2
  - Per capita GDP growth: 5,838

- **Weighted Average of Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Kerala**:
  - Per capita GDP 2002/03: 5
  - Per capita GDP growth: 13,119

**Legend**:
- □ Per capita GDP 2002/03 (right scale)
- ▶ Per capita GDP growth (left scale)
Figure 5: Regional variations in poverty and education in Pakistan

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