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MESSAGE

I am very pleased to introduce the second Human Development Report of Uttar Pradesh .

Human Development concept as designed by "United Nations Development Programme" has now become a universally accepted approach in the planning process to assess the over-all well-being of the masses, not only on income criteria but also on the basis of a composite index including per capita income, health and educational status taken together, which is more comprehensive and broad-based.

The second Human Development Report of Uttar Pradesh embodies the estimates of Human Development Index for the year 2001 and 2005 and a comparative picture with other States is also presented in the report. It would be worthwhile to mention here that the absolute value of human development index in the state of U.P. has improved significantly over the years but scope of further improvement in it is still very wide. The State Government is making earnest efforts for a comprehensive socio-economic development of the people in the state which should make a significant impact on the human development status in the State.

I would like to thank UNDP and Planning Commission, Government of India for extending technical support in the preparation of this report. My sincere appreciation also goes to Director, Giri Institute of Development Studies, Lucknow for the valuable contribution made by him in coordinating with various experts from different disciplines who drafted the report. I also appreciate the efforts of the officers of the Area Planning Division, Planning Department, Government of Uttar Pradesh for their dedicated and hard work in bringing out this document finally.

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