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MESSAGE

It gives me immense pleasure to introduce the second Human Development Report for the State of Uttar Pradesh. Human Development as defined by UNDP, is the "process of enlarging people's choices," the most critical ones being the ability to lead a long and healthy life, to be educated and to enjoy a decent standard of living.

Keeping in view the above paradigm, the second Human Development Report of Uttar Pradesh has been prepared by the State Government highlighting the status of human development in U.P. with a detailed analysis of its key components viz., education, health and per capita income alongwith other related aspects. The Report indicates that the value of human development index in U.P. has increased steadily over the time. This is a healthy indicator of our commitment to enabling people to exercise their choice. We recognise that sustained efforts are needed for substantial improvement in the level of human development in the state.

The state government is making all efforts to improve the general condition of the people by substantial allocations and investments in the fields of Education, Health, Sanitation, Employment Generation, Women's Empowerment etc. It is expected that these efforts would result in improving the status of human development in the state, in the times to come.

I gratefully acknowledge the efforts of Director, Giri Institute of Development Studies, Lucknow and his team in producing the Report of Human Development of the State. I also appreciate the dedicated and hard work of the concerned officers of Planning Department, Government of Uttar Pradesh in bringing out this document.


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