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Message

We compliment the Government of Uttar Pradesh for releasing the Second Uttar Pradesh Human Development, a brief span after the release of the first Uttar Pradesh Human Development Report.

Whether or not India is able to meet its own development goals or the Millennium Development Goals is dependent on progress of select States, one of which is Uttar Pradesh. The State HDR recognizes that though having progressed on human development, considerable distance needs to be travelled.

The social inequalities prevalent in the State call for a special thrust on inclusive growth. This, coupled with prevalent gender and spatial disparities, presents a unique development challenge that calls for multi-pronged strategies focusing on the different needs of sections of the society.

Good and effective governance provides an enabling environment for government's efforts to reach the neediest. It also empowers people, which is essential for human development. The Uttar Pradesh Human Development Report reiterates the linkage between governance and achievements in human development.

We once again felicitate the Government of Uttar Pradesh for releasing its Second Human Development Report. We stand ready to support follow-up on its recommendation by the State government.

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