



STATE DEVELOPMENT REPORT JAMMU AND KASHMIR

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FOREWORD

In order to provide an independent analytical framework to State Governments, Planning Commission has undertaken the preparation of State Development Reports (SDRs), which would serve as credible documents to help set the agenda for economic growth of States in the perspective of national planning. Major development issues need State-wise analysis and resolution for policies and programmes to have the desired impact on national development.

The preparation of State Development Reports is a recent initiative taken by the Planning Commission to foster a sense of partnership between the Centre and the States to jointly assess the developmental alternatives available keeping in view the financial, human and material resources and the felt needs of the people. This exercise has also underlined the need to take a re-look at governance issues and policy options which will enable the States to provide a better quality of life to their people.

Such a Report for J&K has specific relevance at this juncture when the State, after witnessing a long spell of disturbance, has begun to move towards revival of economic activity. I note with satisfaction that the Report contains a critical analysis of facts and suggests policy directions.

I hope that the State Development Report for J&K would provide useful inputs to policy makers in the State and Central Governments engaged in directing the development process in the State. Planning Commission's endeavour would be rewarded if the Report helps the State to achieve a higher growth path with more equitable distribution of benefits to the people of Jammu & Kashmir.


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