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Foreword

Gender statistics being a field cutting across all areas of statistics, includes identification, production, dissemination, and analysis of statistics to better understand gender issues affecting individuals and society. It is a way to show how gender differences can affect the economic and social development of societies.

Gender statistics is important for providing sufficient baseline information to policy makers to institute favourable changes to existing policies, for assessment of government's policies and programs to bridge the gender-based disparities and for raising public awareness on the plight and prevailing conditions of women and men.

Government has been taking a number of initiatives to achieve gender equity in the social sectors like health, education, etc. and to achieve gender parity on social, economic and political arena. This publication is an attempt not only to analyse the existing data-sets but also to sensitize the policy makers and the general public at large.

I hope this publication, which is the eighteenth in the series, would be useful for the planners, policy makers, research workers, academicians and general public to peep into the existing women & men status in India and to take corrective steps to improve the prevailing situation.

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Preface

The Central Statistics Office (CSO) has been bringing out the publication "Women and Men in India" on a regular basis since 1995. The publication focuses on portraying gender inequality, gender bias and gender discrimination through crucial statistical indicators of socio-economic relevance.

The Eighteenth Edition of the publication "Women and Men in India" provides sex-disaggregated data at State and Central level for various social indicators. The publication includes important indicators as derived from published official data of different Ministries/Department/Organisations. The present edition of the publication attempts to bring variety of available gender statistics at one place to serve as a single platform for accessing gender statistics by variety of users. It is a compilation of statistics on various domains - violence against women, economic empowerment, leadership & participation, health, education and human rights.

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