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Foreword

India has one of the youngest populations in world. The share of working age population in India is larger than the non-working age population, thus provide a window of opportunity to lead the world. If this opportunity of demographic dividend can be utilized efficiently, it can prove to be highly significant for the country to achieve a higher economic growth. Therefore, it is essential to understand the dynamics of youth perception and their preferences to establish national policies and frame our actions that can facilitate an environment where youth are able to lead the development of country.

Youth in a country is the most viable and potential human resource not only in population structure but also in social structure. The need of youth development also reverberates through the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development where almost one-half of SDG targets reference young people explicitly or implicitly with a focus on empowerment, participation and well-being. Youth are a major force for sustainable development and key agents for social change, economic growth and technological innovation. From calling for urgent climate action to tackling inequalities and gender biases, young people are driving the Decade of Action for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) forward.

I hope this publication which is the fourth in the series, would be useful for the planners, policy makers, research workers, academicians and general public to have an idea about the present status of youth in the country. This publication will also prove to be immensely useful to the young people as it provides a lot of useful information, about various policies and programmes designed for welfare of youth.


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