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Preface

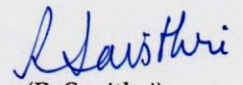
The National Youth Policy, 2014 defines youth as the persons in the age group of 15-29 years and India is in the unique phase of demographic transitions with the largest cohort of young population. This has provided a great opportunity for the country to convert this into a demographic dividend and make rapid economic growth. To reap the benefits of the youth bulge, the country currently has, families, educators, policymakers and the broader community all have an important role to play. Without developing appropriate policies / programmes, making substantial investments in youth and taking relevant steps to shape them into competent human resources, it may not be feasible to achieve the potential economic advancement which the country is expected to attain.

Various programmes for the development of youth are implemented by different Ministries of the Government of India and the State Governments and the data generated by them are also in silos. The National Statistical Office (NSO) in its endeavour to bring all data at one place to facilitate the policy makers in evolving the best developmental policies, has been bringing out the publication "Youth in India". The publication portrays overall status of youth through crucial statistical indicators of socio-economic relevance. The current issue is fourth in the series of the publication.

The publication provides diverse profile of youth at State and Central level for various indicators as derived from published official data of different Ministries/Department/ Organisations. It makes available data at one place to serve as a single platform for accessing youth statistics by the users. The Division has made all efforts to enhance the coverage of the publication by incorporating latest available information.

I wish to place on record my appreciation to the efforts made by officers of Social and Welfare Unit of Social Statistics Division of this ministry led by Shri Rakesh Kumar Maurya, Deputy Director General and his team Dr. Ziaul Haque, Joint Director; Ms. Deepika Verma, Deputy Director; Ms. Neha Singh, Deputy Director; Ms. Kulpreet Sokhi, Senior Statistical Officer; Shri Jai Prakash Kushwaha, Senior Statistical Officer; Shri Ravi Kumar, Junior Statistical Officer and Ms. Dipika Gupta, Junior Statistical Officer associated in bringing out this publication. I believe this publication will be useful to planners, policy makers, researchers and academicians.

Suggestions for improvement in the content of the publication will be appreciated.


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