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## Foreword

Energy is fundamental to human development. In 2015, 193 Member States of the United Nations including India, committed to the Post-2015 Development Agenda, adopted the motto of 'Leaving no one Behind' and pledged to make our world more prosperous, inclusive, sustainable and resilient. The Goal-7 thereof acknowledges the role of access to affordable, reliable and modern energy services for sustainable path to prosperity and welfare of the most vulnerable.

Deploying renewable and energy-efficient technologies can spur innovation and reinforce local, regional and national industrial and employment objectives. Ensuring all have access to power and clean cooking by shifting to renewable and efficient modern energy system has been at the top of the country's policy initiatives. Hon'ble Prime Minister of India echoed this sentiment at the UN Summit 2015 recognising that "We are focusing on the basics: housing, power, water and sanitation for all – important not just for welfare, but also human dignity".

This publication, the 28th in the series, presents an integrated database on Energy Statistics in the country. Keeping in view the importance of collated statistics of energy resources, this repository serves as a vital instrument in providing a holistic picture of the changing energy scenario of the country. The data in the publication is sourced from different subject Ministries/Departments of the Government of India including Ministry of Power, Ministry of Coal, Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Ministry of New and Renewable Energy etc.

The publication presents a wide portfolio of data on reserves, capacity, production, trade, prices, consumption and energy efficiency parameters and also incorporates environmental impacts of energy systems. I hope the publication will provide enough evidence to the policy makers for formulation of key approaches.

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