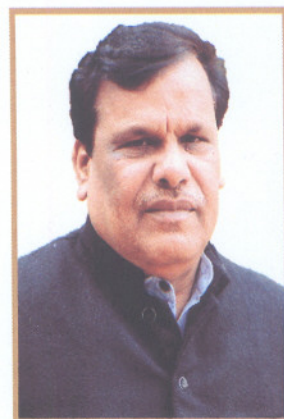


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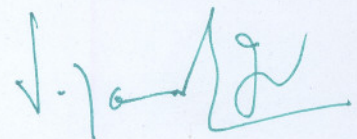
Message

I am extremely pleased to know that like earlier years, this year also the Central Statistics Office of Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation is bringing out the Statistical Year Book, 2013. The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation is the nodal agency for coordinating the Statistical System in the country and has the responsibility for improving the quality and timeliness of existing datasets.

Statistics has been playing an ever increasing role in shaping and providing scientific information that is useful in almost every aspect of human life, and beyond. Moreover, the flow of information is ever increasing across the globe. In the recent years, all the Governments and International Agencies have been increasingly using state of the art tools of Information and Communication Technologies and methodologies of Statistics to improve the quality of input information for effective decision making and Policy preparations.

The Statistical Year Book being published by the Central Statistics Office for past several years is one of the vital instruments designed to meet the ever growing diversified range of information requirement. The Publication provides data sets, not only on the various facets of the Economy of the Country, but also on the vital social aspects like housing, health, environment, infrastructure, tourism, and crime. This year a new Chapter on Millennium Development Goals has also been included in the publication.

The publication is being brought out in printed form as well as in Compact Disc and shall also be uploaded on the website of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation for ease of use. All efforts are being made to make the Publication user friendly and conveniently accessible by way of wide circulation. I appreciate the work carried out by the Ministry of Statistics and I hope that the users shall continue providing valuable feedback and suggestions so that the publication can be suitably updated in next versions.



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