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## Foreword

The Development and Planning Department of the Government of West Bengal primarily functions as the main monitoring wing of all the developmental programmes in the State and the principal coordinating organ of the government to prepare and finalise the planning process and onward activities. In its own way, this department differs from the others both in mission and in implementation.

Apart from its regular works concerned with Annual Plans, MPLADS, BEUP and UUP, constant communication with the Planning Commission and other agencies of the Union and State Governments as well as with international organisations like UNICEF and UNDP constitute its basic set of activities. With focus on improvement of Quality of Life, this department has so far brought out Human Development Reports of the State, as a whole, and of the districts of Bankura, Birbhum, Malda, Uttar Dinajpur, North 24 Parganas and South 24 Parganas; while task is on for the rest of the districts - at different stages. A compilation of all Government programmes has also been brought out to generate awareness and help in capacity building exercises at the grass-root level.

The Annual Report of the department for the year 2010-2011 not only documents the year-long activities, but also depicts the vision of the Government of West Bengal to combat the forces of inequality, backwardness, insurgency, poverty, discrimination and deprivation that exist in different tiers of our society. Perhaps here lies the importance and relevance of the Development and Planning Department, as it is the only platform where different solutions to solve different problems merge and mingle to create a unified approach and agenda of action to fight the impediments as mentioned above and move ahead.

With the hope that this Report will be of help to all concerned, I sincerely thank all those whose efforts have resulted in publication of this document.

  
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