

PRESS RELEASE

- **The Second Human Development Report on Delhi Released**
- **8000 households across Delhi give their perceptions for DHDR 2013.**
- **DHDR 2013 focuses on' Improving Lives, Promoting Inclusion'**
- **DHDR 2013 maps achievements, shortcomings and challenges for Delhi and provides pathways for the future.**

The Delhi Human Development Report 2013 prepared by Institute for Human Development for the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi was released by the Hon'ble Vice President of India, Shri M. Hamid Ansari today in the presence of the Chief Minister of Delhi, Smt. Sheila Dikshit and a distinguished gathering of eminent experts scholars, civil-society representatives, policy-makers, representatives of the international organizations and development practitioners, apart from senior officials of Government of NCT of Delhi .

The Delhi Human Development Report 2013 discusses the various aspects of the prevailing human development scenario in Delhi, including employment and educational opportunities, the healthcare, basic services and amenities, as well as the issue of public safety and security that has been a source of widespread concern in the recent past. While encompassing both the achievements and emerging challenges that constantly confront this vibrant city, the Report not only relies on the latest statistics and available information, but also analyses the findings of a large survey of about 8000 households, which was carried out to understand the perceptions and aspirations of the citizens belonging to various groups. In essence, this Report is both a mirror to the city and an endeavour to promote inclusion and equity at various levels.

The Vice President while addressing the audience after releasing the DHDR 2013 congratulated the government of NCT of Delhi and Institute for Human Development for successfully documenting the progress in Delhi on the scale of Human Development. He said, "The Delhi Human Development Report for 2013 will provide an extremely useful tool for

policy-planning. Above all, it will provide an overall direction for the progress of Delhi in the human development arena so that all its citizens can benefit fully from the development process".

In her speech, **the Chief Minister of Delhi**, Smt. Sheila Dikshit said," Delhi has changed significantly during the last seven years, since the first Report was published in 2006. We felt that it was time for a review". She further said "Needless to say, while Delhi has made commendable strides on various human development fronts, we do acknowledge that progress on many other fronts needs to be enhanced and made more inclusive. We will continue to focus on improving the lives of our people, especially the poor, children, women and other vulnerable groups."

Professor Alakh N. Sharma, Director, Institute for Human Development and the team leader and editor of the report said, "The report is very comprehensive and is different from most of the other reports prepared in the country. Apart from the latest secondary data, it is based on a perception survey of 8000 households conducted by IHD. We have gone beyond traditional human development indicators and have looked at Public safety and people's perceptions amongst other things."

The institute for Human Development was involved in the preparation of the first DHDR. Human development reports for the states of Mizoram, Manipur and Bihar were prepared by IHD. Currently, a project on the preparation of Assam HDR is underway- 'a reflection of the Institute's constant endeavour to focus on human development issues.

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