



## Prologue

The Chhattisgarh *ki Jan Rapat* is primarily an effort of the people of Chhattisgarh at the Village, District and State level. The Report is a tribute to the people of Chhattisgarh and is the culmination of the hard work done by the people of 19,000 villages, the *sangwaaris* (village facilitators) and the village *Sahyogi Dals* (village level task forces).

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State – workshops with civil society, workshops with media, workshops with *sangwaaris* and workshops with *Panchayat* representatives. All these institutions and people deserve special thanks.

The Human Development Report team is grateful to the district level advisory boards, constituted in all the districts to facilitate the process of writing the village *Jan Rapats*. The Village Reports formed the basis of the district *Jan Rapats*.

The chapters in this Report are primarily based on background papers prepared on the basis of village and district *Jan Rapats*. Subject experts collated these papers and the final chapters draw on their inputs and contributions. The chapters on Natural Resources, on Education, Knowledge and Information and Income and Livelihoods are largely based on the background papers prepared by Sanket Development Group. The chapter on Health and Well-being was put together by Ms. Rinchin, Mr. Amitabh Singh & Ms. Leena Singh developed the chapter on Society and Institutions and the chapter on Human Development in Chhattisgarh. The perception analysis in all the chapters has been prepared by the Debate team. The 16 district profiles are also based on inputs received from the Sanket Development Group. We are thankful to Ms. Nandini Oberoi, who reworked

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