

## FOREWORD

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This fourth edition has updates of the existing data series and its coverage has been expanded to incorporate three more indicators, *viz.*, (i) agriculture and allied activities (production of milk, meat and horticulture crops); (ii) infrastructure (ease of doing business ranking, electricity transmission and distribution losses, availability of doctors/ specialists and telephone subscribers per 100 population); and, (iii) social and demographic (urban and rural unemployment rate).

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