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### **MESSAGE**

I felicitate Director General, National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) and his team of officers and staff for bringing out the report 'Accidental Deaths and Suicides in India' for the year 2008 which is an annual publication presenting detailed information on various aspects of accidents and suicides taking place in the country.

Various social, economic, demographic and other stresses relevant to the situation prevailing in the modern society lead people to put an end to their life. Similarly, accidents – those caused by nature and otherwise – result in many deaths. These premature deaths and injuries resulting from the accidents are an irreparable loss to the concerned families, the society and the Nation. Whether these deaths and injuries could be prevented by human intervention would be of immense interest to the researchers, social scientists, law enforcement agencies, policy makers and other stakeholders and they would therefore need detailed and latest data on these phenomena.

It is in this context that this annual publication of NCRB becomes useful with its detailed data on various aspects of accidental deaths and suicides. I hope that this publication will help stakeholders in gaining insight in various aspects of the problems and planning appropriate remedial measures and strategies.

I also take this opportunity to thank all the State Governments/UT Administrations and Heads of various Law Enforcement Agencies for their cooperation in providing the required information. However, I would request them to provide this information by the month of February next year so that the report may be brought out by April 2010 in order to make the report more useful and timely.

I am happy to note that NCRB has digitized the report pertaining to the previous years and made them available on its website. I hope this initiative of the Bureau will go a long way in helping the stakeholders in referencing the data of different years.

  
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