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FOREWORD



Sikkim, nestled in the Eastern Himalayas, is a land of breathtaking landscapes, rich biodiversity, and remarkable progress. One of India's smallest states, it is known for its vibrant cultural heritage and strong commitment to sustainable development. Home to diverse communities, Sikkim has embraced growth while maintaining ecological balance, making it a model for organic farming, green energy, and responsible tourism.

Over the years, Sikkim has emerged as a key player in sectors such as agriculture, horticulture, pharmaceuticals and hydropower.

Its thriving tourism industry, driven by picturesque mountains, serene monasteries, and unique eco-tourism experiences, continues to attract visitors from across the world. The state's industrial and service sectors have also expanded, contributing significantly to economic development.

This edition of the NEDFi Databank Journal on "Economic Profiles of Sikkim", presented in two volumes, provides a comprehensive analysis of the state's economic landscape. It covers key sectors such as agriculture, tourism, industry, education, health, banking, and infrastructure, offering valuable insights into growth trends, opportunities, and the evolving economic ecosystem of the state.

We hope this publication serves as a valuable resource for policymakers, researchers, and entrepreneurs looking to explore the vast potential of Sikkim. We extend our sincere appreciation to all contributors who have helped in compiling this journal and welcome feedback for future improvements.

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