

## PREFACE

It has been more than two decades that the National Capital Regional Plan was formulated for decentralizing economic activities from National Capital Territory of Delhi to Delhi Metropolitan Area (now called CNCR) and other towns of NCR. Gaining from the experience of planning National Capital Region (NCR), this evaluation study of DMA Towns attempts to assess their role in achieving the overall objective of the NCR Plan. The NCR is already witnessing boom in real estate development and with efforts of the State Governments concerned to develop Special Economic Zones, Hi-Tech Cities, Industrial Estates etc., are bound to have spread effect on the vast hinterland.

The success or failure of the NCR Plan can not be assessed merely in quantitative or qualitative terms, as the vast scale changes in the development scenario in terms of economic liberalization, globalization and above all carrying out urban reforms definitely act as a role model for the State Capitals. The study also emphasizes the role of DMA (CNCR) Towns in reducing the burden on NCT Delhi and the operational problems in implementing the provisions of NCR Plan and brings out policy recommendations.

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It is hoped that the study would be useful for Urban and Regional Planners, Policy makers, Academicians and Researchers.

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