



Hifeed Campus Ranichauri, Tehri Garhwal Uttarakhand, India

FROM THE DESK OF THE CHAIRMAN

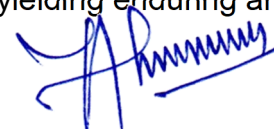
I am deeply honoured to extend my sincere congratulations and profound appreciation to all esteemed members, individuals, partners, stakeholders, and supporters of the Himalayan Institute for Environment, Ecology & Development (HIFEED). Over the past three decades, our collective dedication to sustainable development and comprehensive developmental endeavours has led us to a momentous milestone. This journey has been characterized by unyielding determination, unwavering dedication, and diligent effort, culminating in the realization of HIFEED's mission to serve marginalized, underprivileged, and less visible segments of our society.

At the core of our mission lies the Himalayan region, renowned for its ecological significance. Our enduring commitment to environmental preservation, sustainable growth, and community well-being serves as a testament to our shared responsibility towards future generations. Despite the challenges encountered along our path, our dedicated team, fortified by expertise, passion, and professionalism, has navigated each obstacle with exceptional success.

Throughout the years, our tireless efforts have been directed towards empowering local communities, advocating for eco-friendly practices, and fostering economic prosperity in harmony with nature. Pioneering initiatives such as Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) have uplifted farmers, while impactful campaigns have awakened environmental awareness among the youth. The influence of HIFEED, extending far and wide, has effectively addressed issues of unemployment and poverty in Uttarakhand's hilly regions, thus mitigating the forced migration of younger generations. Our programs aimed at enhancing livelihoods have not only empowered women financially but have also imparted essential technical skills to the youth through vocational education.

As we commemorate our accomplishments spanning nearly three decades, it becomes imperative to acknowledge the dynamic journey that lies ahead, a journey characterized by both challenges and opportunities. The Himalayan region's distinctive fusion of environmental complexities and developmental subtleties calls for inventive collaboration and steadfast determination. Our unwavering faith in the capacity for constructive transformation remains steadfast.

I extend my heartfelt congratulations and profound gratitude once again to every individual, donor, supporter, staff member, and volunteer associated with HIFEED, who has played an integral role in our remarkable journey. With unwavering determination and fervour, I hold the confidence that our journey will persist in advancing, yielding enduring and positive impacts in the days and years ahead.



**(YOGENDER KUMAR SHARMA)
CHAIRMAN**