



## **Hifeed Campus Ranichauri, Tehri Garhwal Uttarakhand, India**

### **FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Dear Esteemed Donors, Supporters, Well-wishers, Fund Providers and all the Stakeholders,

I am writing to you today to introduce you to the Himalayan Institute For Environment, Ecology & Development (HIFEED) and extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous support over the past three decades. Your unwavering contributions have been instrumental in creating a significant impact on the lives of people residing in mountainous communities throughout the country.

The entire Himalayan zone is considered to be a fragile zone which is very sensitive to frequent earthquakes, soil erosions, landslides, floods and other natural calamities which adversely impact the environment, ecology, economy of the region as well as living conditions of the inhabitants of the area. Agriculture coupled with animal husbandry is the main stake of livelihood of hill people but the productivity so meagre that it cannot cope up round the year need of the family. Not much has been done to improve the per unit productivity of the area because of lack of means of irrigation, fertile soil, improved agriculture implements and use of improved varieties of seed and seedlings, technical knowhow, processing and value addition facilities, sustainable market linkages, etc. Women drudgery is another problem as not only the entire agricultural operations are in the hands of women but also rearing cattle, maintenance of children and other household activities. Also there are no nearby employment and job opportunities that could provide jobs to youths, therefore, the youths have migrated to big towns/cities in search of livelihood.

After analysing the ground realities of Himalayan region and with an aim to contribute something for the betterment of the area, HIFEED was established as a R&D based Civil Society Organization working for sustainable development and upliftment of mountain communities since 1995 without discrimination of race, caste, creed, sex, community and religion. The Organization is set up by a team of experienced and eminent social scientists and professionals with a view to tap various aspects of development and research to unfold the hidden bottlenecks of strategies and policies although the original thrust of the Organization is to focus different innovative research and development activities.

HIFEED dedicated working towards promoting Sustainable Development, Biodiversity Conservation, Socio-Economic Upliftment, Natural Resource Management, Drinking Water and Sanitation, Livelihood Promotion, Formation and Promotion of Farmer's Producer Organizations (FPOs), Agriculture and Allied Sectors, Rural and Village Tourism, Training and Capacity Building, Employment Generation, Waste Management, Monitoring and Evaluation, Baseline Surveys, Research Studies and other related areas in the country. HIFEED is also taking on new roles and strategies to empower people and promote sustainability in the Fragile Mountains. It is important to address the challenges of out migration, poor economic growth, and environmental degradation to create a better future for the community. I hope that HIFEED's efforts will lead to positive outcomes and help improve the livelihoods and well-being of the people in the area.

HIFEED is committed to uplifting the mountain communities of Uttarakhand and other states of the country. Initially, we began our activities in the state of Uttarakhand, and as a result of our experience, expertise, and tireless efforts, we have expanded our operations to 11 states throughout the country. Our success in expanding our presence to states such as Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir,



## *Hifeed, a Journey of 30 Years*

Uttar Pradesh, Sikkim, Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh, Maharashtra, Bihar, Rajasthan and Kerala is a testament to the effectiveness of our projects, programs and assignments. We are proud to have been able to make a positive impact in these states and will continue to work towards sustainable development for mountain communities across India.

It is with immense pride that I acknowledge that our organization possesses a diverse range of expertise in project planning, designing, execution and implementation. Over the past three decades, the organization has successfully carried out over 115 projects, programs and assignments across multiple sectors. This noteworthy achievement was made possible with the support of approximately 80 national and international organizations, including various Ministries, Departments and Agencies of the Government of India, various State Governments, as well as globally recognized institutions such as the World Bank, Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), among others.

I am delighted to take this opportunity to convey my sincere appreciation and gratitude to our esteemed funding agencies, donors, supporters and well-wishers who have unwaveringly stood by us for the past three decades. Your consistent and unwavering support has been invaluable in our mission to bring about a positive transformation in the lives of the people residing in the mountain communities of our country. It is your generous contributions that have been the driving force behind our significant impact on these communities. With your continued support, we have been able to provide much-needed aid and assistance to those in need, and we look forward to continuing this journey with you by our side. We are blessed to have such a compassionate and dedicated community of supporters, and we extend our deepest gratitude to each one of you for your unwavering commitment to our cause. May your kindness and generosity continue to inspire and touch the lives of many others in the years to come.

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude and sincere thanks to the esteemed Board Members of HIFEED for their unwavering dedication and invaluable support towards the noble cause of upliftment of Uttarakhand and our beloved nation. Your arduous efforts and unwavering commitment have been a source of inspiration and a driving force behind our mission to make a positive impact on the lives of the people we serve. Your unwavering support and contributions have been instrumental in bringing about real change and progress in our efforts to create a brighter future for those in need.

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation and deep gratitude to the fully dedicated team of staff members at HIFEED, who have consistently demonstrated unwavering commitment and dedication to the cause of sustainable development in Uttarakhand and our great nation. The tireless efforts of our staff have been truly instrumental in bringing about a lasting impact and making a real difference in the lives of the people we serve. Their unwavering dedication to the cause is truly commendable, and we are grateful for their invaluable contributions. We recognize and appreciate the hard work and sacrifice of our staff members, who consistently go above and beyond to ensure that our mission is carried out effectively and efficiently. Your commitment to our cause is a testament to the values of HIFEED, and we are honoured to have such a passionate and dedicated team on board.

As we continue our journey towards sustainable development, we look forward to your continued support. Your generosity and support will play a crucial role in ensuring that we can continue to serve the mountain communities of the country and bring about positive change in their lives.

**(DR. KAMAL BAHUGUNA)**  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**