

Preface

The Stand Alone Report of Comptroller & Auditor General of India (C&AG) containing the results of review of *Maha Kumbh Mela-2013* at Allahabad has been prepared for submission to the Governor under Article 151 of the Constitution.

This report focuses on holistic examination of the *Maha Kumbh Mela* from an event management perspective. How the entire *Mela* was planned, financed and organised has been dealt with in the report. Along with other aspects, this report specifically brings out facets of *Maha Kumbh Mela* like Safety and Security, Health and Sanitation, Environment & Ecology, Quality Control, Labour Welfare and Services rendered to differently abled people in the planning and organisation of the *Mela*. The records of 13 departments/agencies relating to expenditure incurred on works and services delivered during *Maha Kumbh Mela* were examined. All audit findings were shared with the audited entities.

The Audit has been conducted in conformity with the Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India.

Audit wishes to acknowledge the co-operation extended by the Urban Development Department, Commissioner (Allahabad Division), *Mela Adhikari*, different implementing departments/agencies and their officers in particular and the State Government in general, at various stages during the conduct of this audit.