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India has the distinction of being recognized as an important country of origin of migrants in many receiving countries of the world. India also receives a large number of immigrants, mostly originating from its neighboring countries in Asia and some from other countries as well. However, despite having significant stakes in international migration of human resources the issue of mobility has largely remained a neglected area in the academic and policy circles in India. Hardly any regular and comprehensive institutional mechanism for collecting, maintaining and disseminating systematic information on international migration exists in India excepting a few individual initiatives here and there. It is only in the closing decades of the 20th century that migration has started drawing greater attention of stakeholders in policy sphere, in academia and the civil society in India. In this context, publication of this first *India Migration Report* aims to make a small beginning towards bridging a vital gap. The 2009 Report provides an overview of migration from India to the major destination countries as well as immigration to India. The focus of the report is to put together issues and concerns of significance in the contemporary contexts of migration – both continuing and emerging – and bring out a systematic, regular and futuristic source of information and analysis on international mobility

of people involving India. A modest attempt today, it is hoped that the Report will help us build upon the available data sources, and also identify and generate new avenues.

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Tapas Majumdar

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### Press Comments

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*The Hindu*, Jan 7, 2010

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