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राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार),
विज्ञान एवं प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय;
राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार) पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्रालय;
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Foreword

It gives me immense pleasure to learn that the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), through the CSIR-National Institute of Science Communication and Policy Research (CSIR-NIScPR), is bringing out popular science magazines in Assamese, Bengali, Marathi, Tamil and Telugu. The launch of these editions marks an important step towards taking scientific knowledge closer to people through languages that are an integral part of India's rich linguistic and cultural heritage. CSIR-NIScPR already has a long and distinguished tradition of science communication and scientific publications reflected in its flagship popular science magazines-*Science Reporter*, *Vigyan Pragati* and *Science ki Duniya*.

Science communication has a vital role in developing scientific temper, encouraging critical thinking and enabling citizens to engage meaningfully with scientific and technological developments. Communicating science in Indian languages can further widen this reach, particularly among students, young readers and communities who are most comfortable in learning in their own languages.

I congratulate CSIR, CSIR-NIScPR and all scientists, writers, translators, editors and other professionals associated with this initiative. I hope these magazines will inspire curiosity among young minds, strengthen scientific temper and contribute to building a scientifically informed society in keeping with the vision of *Viksit Bharat*.

I wish these publications a successful and impactful journey.

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