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**“Advancing the strategic potential of India-US Relations,
Accelerating India’s economic development”**

MESSAGE



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MESSAGE

It is a pleasure to note that ICRIER, in conjunction with the Wadhvani Foundation, is launching its new Programme of Research Studies on India-US Relations and Policy Issues on 4th October, 2011. I extend my warm felicitations on this important occasion to Dr. Isher Judge Ahluwalia, Chairperson of ICRIER, and Dr. Partho Shome, Director ICRIER.

Over the last three decades, ICRIER has built up a stellar reputation in conducting high quality research directed at advancing India’s integration with the global economy. I note that the new ICRIER Programme will place special emphasis on accelerating India’s emergence as a major economy through enhanced India-US co-operation in trade, investment, infrastructure, energy and technology.

India-US trade has seen a steady and balanced expansion in recent years. Foreign direct investment flows have also grown in both directions. Further economic co-operation can provide a powerful impetus for economic growth and job creation in both countries.

With its new Programme, ICRIER will add a broader dimension to its on-going role as Secretariat for the India-US Private Sector Advisory Group to provide strategic direction, input and support to the Trade Policy Forum and allow for interaction between Governments and private sector experts. I am sure that ICRIER will make a significant contribution to public policy formulation in the years ahead, enabling India and the US to achieve the full potential of their multi-dimensional partnership.

I wish ICRIER all success in its endeavours.

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