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Foreword

This review of studies, conducted in India during 1988-92, has adopted a format that is somewhat different from the earlier Surveys. In the previous four survey reports, the abstracts of studies in a given thematic area were given after the trend report. In view of a wider coverage of thematic areas in educational research with implications for school education in the present Survey, and to keep the publication handy to read from, the trend reports on studies in different areas and the abstracts of the studies have been brought out in two separate volumes. It is hoped that this arrangement will meet the requirements of research scholars.

All efforts were made to complete various tasks related to the Fifth Survey within the stipulated time and to release the publication earlier. Due to various professional hazards the publication has taken longer time than planned. The inconvenience caused to the scholars due to this delay is deeply regretted. To avoid such delays in future a time-efficient strategy has been adopted to keep scholars informed of the completed studies in the field of education. Every six months a publication entitled *Indian Educational Abstracts* is now brought out by the NCERT. The inaugural issue was brought out in July 1996. Future issues will be available from the Publication Division of the NCERT.

The tasks of documenting studies, analysing the trends in different areas of education and publishing the trend reports and studies' abstracts have indeed been challenging. Professional colleagues associated with this project completed their respective assignments with commendable sense of responsibility. Their invaluable contributions are gratefully acknowledged. The Editorial Board extended guidance in various policy matters. Contributions of members of the Editorial Board deserve a special mention. The dedication demonstrated by the Project Team throughout the project period was an important contributing factor in the successful completion of this work.

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