

## **Preface and Acknowledgement**

Appraisal is an activity which takes place everyday, sometimes at random, and at times systematically. Appraisal helps one to know the actual situation, the total picture. In education, appraisal and evaluation have played an important role for accountability and improvement. Appraisal of programmes, systems and institutions has been done from time to time. A systematic appraisal is necessary at regular intervals for any system or organization, to know where it is standing, what are its strengths, on what it can build on for development and what are its weaknesses to be overcome. For growth and development, change is necessary. Appraisal shows the way, how change for better can be oriented and directed. When there are many institutions in a system, it is necessary that all of them march forward in progress, when the system wants to renew and improve. Therefore, a complete picture of them would be a real starting point for further improvement and growth.

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