PREFACE

Colleges of Education in Punjab have been in existence since 1942, the oldest one being Dev Samaj College of Education, Ferozepur City. The aim of these colleges has been to build future generations of teachers. The college library plays a pivotal role in achieving this goal. But somehow the resources and services of libraries of these colleges of education have not been fully utilized, the reason may be any. User surveys help in getting feedback information from the stakeholders and not only present the state-of-the-affairs but also assist in planning for future.

The present study “A Study of the Use of Libraries of Colleges of Education in Punjab” has been undertaken for doctoral research. Though conducting user survey is a challenging task, yet it provides a picture of overall use of the resources and services of libraries of colleges of education under study.

The present study has been organized into six chapters. The first chapter includes introduction, need of study, statement of the problem, objectives, hypotheses, limitations of the study, significance of the study and research methodology. The second chapter provides a review of literature. It has been organized into different facets. In chapter three, an overview of the growth and development of colleges of education in India has been given. It includes brief introduction to the state of Punjab and brief information about each college under study.
The chapter four is based on the responses received from library staff about the resources and services of libraries under study. Data is presented in tables followed by description. The fifth chapter includes three parts. Part-I and Part-II are based on the responses received from 1228 B.Ed. and M.Ed. students respectively and Part-III is based on the responses of 61 teachers of colleges under study. Data analysis is presented in the form of tables and figures. The sixth chapter reports findings, conclusions and recommendations of the study. It also includes suggestions for further research.

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I am hopeful that the findings, conclusions and recommendations of this study would be valuable to the stakeholders. If there are any gaps or overlaps in this study, for them no one else but I shall be responsible.

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