ABBREVIATIONS

ANOVA : Analysis of Variance
BC : Backward Caste
CV : Coefficient of Variation
DDE : Directorate of Distance Education
DF : Degrees of Freedom
ERIC : Educational Resources Information Centre
EVS : Environmental Sciences
FES : Family Economic Scale
FIG : Figure
HCF : Highest Common Factor
HSPQ : High School Students Personality Questionnaire
IASE : Institute of Advanced Studies in Education
Ku : Kurtosis
LCM : Lowest Common Multiple
M : Mean
Md : Median
Mo : Mode
MSU : Maharaja Sivajirao University of Baroda
N : Number of Sample Subjects or Number of Observations
NCERT : National council of Educational Research and Training
NFE : Non Formal Education
NCTM : National Council of Teachers of Physical sciences
NPE : National Policy of Education
OAT : Objective Achievement Test
OC : Open Category
PhD : Doctor of Philosophy
Q1 : First Quartile
Q3 : Third Quartile
QD : Quartile Deviation
R : Range
SC : Schedule Caste
SD : Standard Deviation
SEM : Standard Error of Mean
SES : Socio Economy Status
SHI : Study Habits Inventory
Sk : Skewness
SVU : Sri Venkateswara University
ST : Schedule Tribe
TLM : Teaching Learning Material
VN : Variable Number