Research is a continuous process, where as writing a thesis or publishing a paper is like a milestone. I have been doing research for about last 12 years or so and my published and unpublished works on locus of control inspired me to conduct more intensive research in this area. I have taken creative thinking and educational achievement, two important variables in the context of school learning and tried to observe how far they are influenced by or related with the personality traits of locus of control. Moreover, lots of work have already been done on the cognitive development across SES and subcultures in the P.G Deptt. of Psychology, Utkal University under the able supervision of Dr. R. Rath. I got the cues from these studies and started the work in that area. I have observed locus of control, creative thinking, and educational achievement under high and low socioeconomic background, and in the urban, rural, and the tribal subcultures. It is expected that the present diagnostic approach will help the research workers for understanding the problem. It may help them to work further with a view to help the school children in developing more effectively such personality traits which are important for success.

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