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In our Indian elementary schools, the gifted child is rarely offered the challenging task. This neglect continues even in secondary schools also. Fortunately some gifted children do make progress in spite of this prevailing condition. The comparative studies of successful and unsuccessful persons reveal that the successful persons were more frequently recognised and encouraged by their parents and teachers during childhood. Early identification and systematic encouragement of gifted children are important so far as the development in various fields of progress in India is concerned.

In the present study an attempt has been made to know the creative abilities and some personality traits of the gifted children. It also includes the suggestions for the better development of such children.

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