PREFACE

Literacy plays a vital role in the life of individuals as well as society as a whole. It is the very basis of human capacity building. It is a skill through which a person learns to adjust to his / her environment more effectively. The development of a nation depends to a great extent upon the utilization of human capabilities in different fields. Literacy can be regarded as an important way of enhancing human capabilities that can better be used for national development.

Since independence, the Government of India has undertaken various literacy programmes in the country with a view to promote literacy. Along with the Government initiatives, some Non-Government Organizations have also been undertaking literacy efforts in the country. Now Gyan Vigyn Samities of different states are some leading Non-Government Organizations working in the literacy field of the country.

In Assam also Gyan Vigyan Samiti, Assam (GVSA) has been undertaking literacy activities since 1993 in seven development blocks (viz., Dhemaji, Lahoal, Sipajhar, Raha, Laharighat, Moirabari and
The present work is an attempt to understand the impact of literacy campaign by GVSA on the individual learner and the community. As sample blocks, three development blocks were selected (Darrang, Raha, Chandrapur) from where the investigator collected primary data for the study. Analysis of the results and its findings has been presented in the study.

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