

## PREFACE

The present study entitled “**Learners’ Cost effectiveness and Quality in Distance Education – A Study on Select Under Graduate BBA, BCA and B.Com courses in Assam**”, has made an attempt to study the cost effectiveness and quality in distance education in Assam. In doing so, it has taken up for discussion the history of distance education at the International, National and State level. It has included other aspects like meaning and definition of both distance education and cost effectiveness. The components and quality of distance education has also been studied.

The present study has been divided into six chapters along with the Acknowledgement and Bibliography. Chapter- I provides the Introduction. The Review of Literature has been taken up in Chapter – II. Chapter- III covers the research methodology. Chapter- IV and V take up the analysis and interpretation of data from the learners’ point of view and teachers/counsellors point of view respectively. The findings of the study as well as the conclusion and suggestion offered have been covered in Chapter- VI. The present study has found that the cost effectiveness and quality of Conventional as well as ODL mode of education system has had an impact on select under graduate. BBA, BCA and B.Com courses and some aspects the conventional system has made a more pronounced impact.

The primary data has been collected from both learners’ and teachers/counsellors of different colleges and study centres through the schedule. The result obtained has been furnished in Chapters -IV and V.

Although this study has been restricted to select under graduate courses in Assam it is hoped that it will be able to add a new dimension to the mode of distance education system.

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