

## *Acknowledgement*

The present work has focussed mainly on a historical survey of educational development in the Darjeeling hill area. It was attempted to study the social economic and cultural factors in their interaction with education. The study seeks to provide an analytical focus on some of the basic issues in primary, secondary and higher education with the help of available data and field work. The problems of the Darjeeling areas differ from those of the plains and these problems are multiple in all spheres, economic, social, cultural, political and education.

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