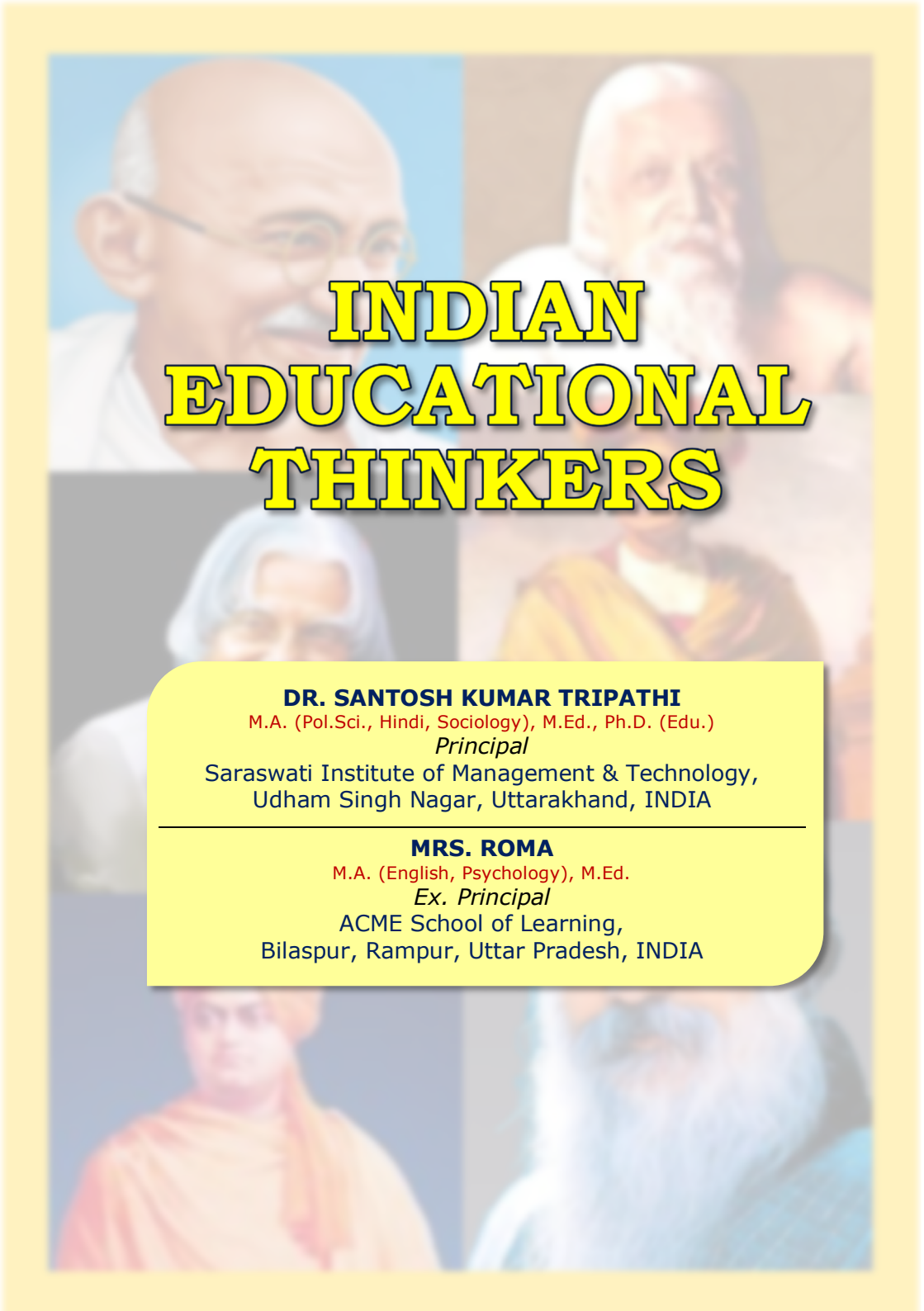




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Education has always been the cornerstone of India's intellectual and cultural progress, shaping generations through the wisdom of its great thinkers. The book *Indian Educational Thinkers* delves into the profound contributions of India's visionary educators, reformers, and philosophers who have left an indelible mark on the nation's educational landscape.

From the ancient Gurukul system to modern pedagogical approaches, Indian educational thought has evolved through the insights of great minds like Swami Vivekananda, Rabindranath Tagore, Mahatma Gandhi, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, and many others. Their philosophies have not only influenced India's education system but have also resonated globally, offering timeless perspectives on learning, character-building, and holistic development.

This book serves as a valuable resource for educators, researchers, students, and policymakers, providing an in-depth understanding of the principles and ideologies that have shaped Indian education. By exploring the works and legacies of these thinkers, readers will gain insights into the challenges, transformations, and aspirations that continue to define India's educational journey.

It is hoped that *Indian Educational Thinkers* will inspire future generations to build upon these foundational ideas and contribute to an education system that is inclusive, progressive, and deeply rooted in the values of knowledge, wisdom, and humanity.

I wish to offer my heartiest congratulation to Prof (Dr.) S.K. Tripathi, B.Ed. Department SIMT, Rudrapur for bringing out this book which will benefit the readers across diverse backgrounds and in terests.


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I wish to offer my heartiest congratulation to authors of this **text book- Dr. Santosh Kumar Tripathi and Mrs. Roma** for bringing out this text book which will benefit the readers across diverse backgrounds.

Prof. Atul Joshi

PREFACE

We are delighted to present this textbook, **INDIAN EDUCATIONAL THINKERS**, carefully designed for teachers, students of B.Ed. and M.Ed., and researchers in the field of education. This textbook provides an in-depth exploration of the philosophies and contributions of some of India's most eminent educational thinkers, including *Osho, Mahatma Gandhi, Raja Ram Mohan Roy, Rabindranath Tagore, Sant Gadge Maharaj, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, Swami Vivekananda, J. Krishnamurti, and Sri Aurobindo Gautam Buddha*. Their profound ideas and visionary approaches to education offer timeless guidance for addressing contemporary challenges in the field.

The content of this textbook is comprehensive and sequentially organized, beginning with foundational concepts of Indian educational philosophy and progressing to the individual contributions of each thinker. Topics such as value-based education, inclusive learning, spiritual and moral development, creative teaching methodologies, and the integration of traditional and modern approaches have been thoughtfully addressed to inspire educators and students alike.

Written in simple and accessible language, this textbook ensures clarity and minimizes the complexities often associated with abstract educational theories. Each chapter is structured to include an introduction, a detailed discussion of key themes, and suggested readings to support further exploration.

We extend my heartfelt gratitude to the authors, researchers, and students who have been a source of inspiration throughout my academic journey of over a

decade. Their perspectives and encouragement have been invaluable in shaping this work.

We also wish to express my sincere thanks to **Mr. Kamal Singh, MD, VSRD Academic Publishing (A Division of Visual Soft India Private Limited)**, for his efforts in ensuring this work is presented in such a professional and accessible format.

We hope that this textbook will serve as a valuable resource for academicians, educators, and learners, offering them a deeper understanding of the educational philosophies of India's visionary thinkers. As no work is ever free from the scope of improvement, I warmly welcome suggestions and feedback to enhance this work further.

With best wishes for all readers,

 *Dr. Santosh Kumar Tripathi*

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