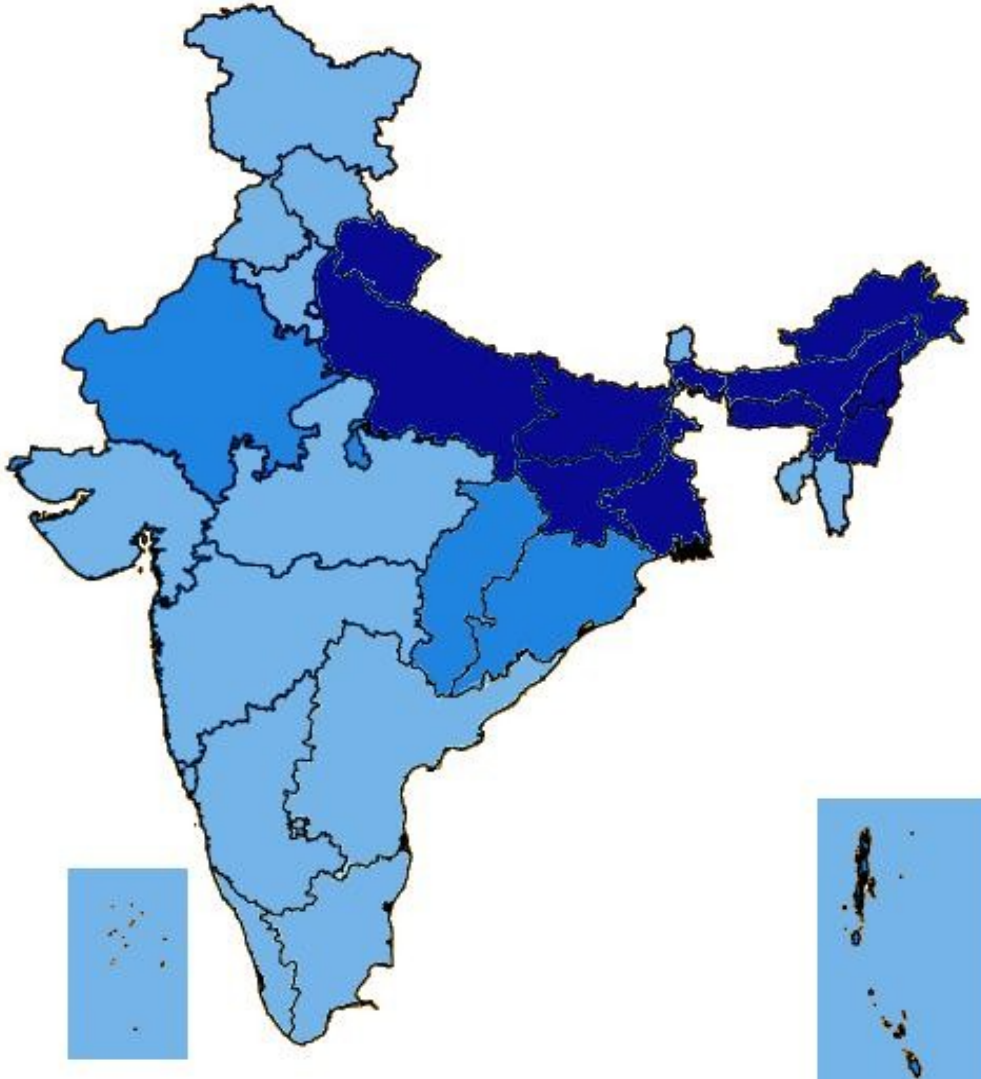


**ALL INDIA SURVEY
OF
OUT-OF-SCHOOL CHILDREN
IN THE 6-13 YEARS AGE GROUP**



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Preface

Social justice and equity are by themselves a strong argument for providing basic education for all. It is an established fact that basic education improves the level of human well being especially with regard to life expectancy, infant mortality, nutritional status of children, etc. Studies have shown that universal basic education significantly contributes to economic growth.

Consequent to several efforts, India has made enormous progress in terms of increase in institutions, teachers, and students in elementary education. But despite all the efforts large populations of the children in the country still remain out-of-school.

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We are extremely grateful to the Technical Support Group of Ed.CIL. for providing us support at every stage of the survey. We would also extend our gratitude to the National Sample Survey Organisation, Government of India, for extending their support towards the successful completion of our objective. We hope that the task that we set out to do has been accomplished and also that this document would serve as a valuable piece of information to the decision makers of the country.

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