

Preface

This Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the period April 2015 to March 2020 has been prepared for submission to the Governor of the State of Punjab under Article 151(2) of the Constitution of India.

The Report contains the results of performance audit on Outcomes of Higher Education in Punjab in terms of State's performance in achieving outcomes of Higher Education on the basis of recommendations made in Twelfth Five Year Plan, assessment indicators adopted by National Assessment and Accreditation Council, strategic plan prepared by Government of Punjab to achieve Sustainable Development Goals and preparedness of implementation of National Education Policy 2020, for the period April 2015 to March 2020.

The instances mentioned in this Report are those, which came to the notice in the course of test audit for the period April 2015 to March 2020 as well as those which came to notice in earlier years. The findings of Performance Audit on "Working of Guru Nanak Dev University" printed in Comptroller and Auditor General of India's Audit Report on Social, General and Economic Sectors (NPSUs) for the year ended 31 March 2015-Government of Punjab was also evaluated with reference to outcome of Public Accounts Committee meeting held in June and July 2020; matter relating to the period subsequent to March 2020 have also been included, wherever necessary.

The audit has been conducted in conformity with the Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India.

Audit wishes to acknowledge the cooperation received from the Department of Higher Education; Punjabi University, Patiala; Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar; Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Patiala; and selected colleges.

