



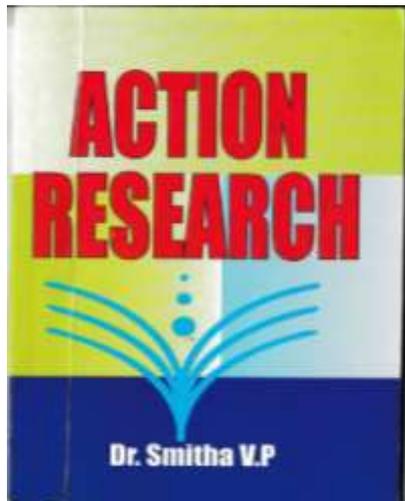
BOOK REVIEW

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Title of the book-Action Research

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Action Research is intended to assist classroom teachers and school administrators and teacher trainees in the development , implementation and publishing of an action research project. The book explains what is action research, different types of action research and tools and techniques of evaluation. The author Smitha V.P. is a post-graduate in Chemistry and holds a Ph.D in Education from Regional Institute of Education (NCERT), Mysore . She is current the Principal of Calicut University Teacher Education Centre Kozilkode , Kerala. She has over a decade of teaching experience in teacher education institutions .Her research interests include science teaching , innovative teaching methodologies , development of critical thinking skills and scientific attitude in students.



The book explains the whole concept of action research. It explains different types of researches as well as different types of action researches. It elaborates common steps in action research. Besides that it explains tools & techniques of evaluation. This book is a complete review of how research is conducted .It is a well guide-line who is conducting a newly action research. The language of book is easy. It explains different types of researches stepwise. The book contains a detailed structure of types of researches, action researches and tools & techniques of evaluation.

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If you want a guide-line of action-research Dr. Smita V.P.'s book is ideal. It not only gives the idea of action research but gives a complete revision of tools & techniques of researches. The book begins with the concept of research and the types of research. It starts from historical research, descriptive research and experimental research. It also explains case study, ethnographic research, co -relational research, phenomenology, applied research and action research. It underlines the difference between traditional research and Action research .It also explains action research in education. It describes different types of action researches, approaches and methodology for action research. It states common steps in action research. According to Dr. Smita V.P. research is a systematic attempt, directed to a discovery through scientific procedure. Historical research involves a method of discovery, description and interpretation of conditions, situations and events that have occurred in the past. Descriptive Studies are concerned with finding out “what is” in order to describe it completely. An “experiment “ is a prescribed set of conditions which permit measurement of the effects of a particular treatment. In the chapter II author explained tools and techniques of evaluation. A tool of evaluation is a device or technique used for measuring and recording the characteristics of a pupil like intelligence and learning achievement. Firstly author explained different types of tests , teacher made and standardized tests. She also described qualities of a good test, validity and reliability and test reliability. Then she explained preparation of blue print, item analysis.

She has well-explained questionnaire, characteristics of a good questionnaire and construction of the questionnaire. After that checklist, rating scale, observation, anecdotes also well explained. Case studies and interview techniques is also highlighted.

In the next chapter the part of statistics is explained. Author says that statistics is a body of mathematical techniques and processes for gathering, organizing, analyzing and interpreting numerical data obtained from a population. Then she explained application of statistics in student evaluation. She stated steps in a statistical study. Author has explained measures of central tendency with examples i.e. mean median and mode. Author has explained all the statistical tools of evaluation. Author has explained characteristics of median, mode for a grouped frequency distribution, characteristics of the mode , measures of dispersion. She has also explained range, mean deviation, quartile deviation, standard deviation and variation: the different measures of dispersion. Author explained research concept and action research at the same time. Author not only just focused on what is the

action research but takes a complete overview of whole researches. At the same time she well explained the tools and techniques of evaluation. The reader who is interested in study of research will get the complete guideline of it and anything is not left by the author. All the topics are present and any topics' information is given in a easy way.

It is good book and the language is easy. But the book covers a huge no of concepts at a time & in short the explanation is given. But if anybody has to find a detailed concept explanation it is hard to find.

Nevertheless the book provides valuable information source for the researchers .It takes a complete overview of all the topics in research and is a perfect guideline who want to study various concepts in research. Though the book name is action research ,it covers all the topics and statistical evaluation techniques also. The language of book is simple and easy which is very precious point to study research. Overall action research book is complete guideline and a perfect knowledge source for any of the researcher.