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Today, it is impossible to be a good language teacher without the knowledge of Language Teaching. There has been hardly any very few existing literature on the pedagogy and philosophy of education blended with the language teaching and language learning contexts across the our country. To be more precise, Classroom Research conducted by language practitioners of the discipline can bring changes to this scenario. The volume attempts to present this potentiality of ODL in the broad area of higher education.

The volume, the first of its kind is an important addition to the existing body of literature of the School of Humanities of Netaji Subhas Open University. It would prove beneficial for teachers and research scholars from ELT and the educators of English language and literature of our country.

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