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India is in the throes of great developments in the field of higher education. This book identifies the needs and gaps in this sector and provides suggestions for improvement based on the lessons learnt from the experiences of other countries. It facilitates a clear and holistic understanding of the sector's complex nature and breaks several myths related to it. The availability of quality higher education in India, though increasing, is unable to meet the demands of a growing youth population, improvements in school education and a growing middle class. At the same time, it has been widely recognised that the country has a unique opportunity to convert its demographic surplus into its economic strength by providing its young people the right kind of skills. Following this understanding, and due to the persisting problems in the sector, higher education now occupies a central position in the country's strategy for global competitiveness and inclusive growth, and several steps have been taken for its improvement. Apart from an analysis of the prevailing situation, the author also suggests a framework for the creation of a competitive environment in higher education that would ensure better utilisation of public funds and improvement of both public and private institutions. This book will be a valuable resource for centres of education and higher education in universities and research organisations, as well as think-tanks. It would also be a useful tool for consultants and private organisations working in the higher education sector.

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