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Professor J. S. Rajput is known for his contributions in reforms in school education and teacher education and institutional management. Appointed full Professor of Physics at the age of 31 years, in July 1974, he was the Principal of the Regional Institute of Education Bhopal; 1977-88, Joint Educational Adviser, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, 1989-94; Chairman, National Council for Teacher Education, NCTE, 1994-99 and the Director of the NCERT, 1999-2004. He effectively regulated the B.Ed correspondence courses as the first Chairman of NCTE and started the innovative two-year B.Ed courses in 1999. He has published research papers in Physics and several specialized areas in education, guided doctoral level researches and has authored several books. He is known for guiding in preparation of good-quality materials for teachers and teacher educators. He chaired the groups responsible for preparing Curriculum Framework for Teacher Education; NCTE; 1998) and for school education; NCERT; 2000.

Professor Rajput's association with UNESCO and other international agencies extends over three decades. UNESCO acknowledged his contributions by selecting him for the Prestigious Jan Amos Comenius Medal for outstanding contributions in research and innovations in the year 2004. He received this Award in July 2009.

After demitting office in July 2004, Professor Rajput devotes his time to writing, lecturing and providing consultancies on various aspects of education and institutional development He strongly pleads for the regeneration of the culture of acceptance of otherness and the need for values in education in his writings and lectures. He has been selected for the Maharshi Veda Vyas National Awards in 2012 by the government of MP.