



DEDICATION

*With plenty of love and gratitude,
I wholeheartedly dedicate this thesis to
my respected and most loving
'Mummy-Papa' and 'Mother in Law-Father in Law'
my better half & my life-line 'Abhishek',
my adorable daughter 'Abhikriti'
and my whole family,
all of whom made this work possible through their unending
love and support.*

