ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

My silent thanks giving ever and ever to the Almighty's infinite grace and mercy that continued to light up every foot step till this Research Journey's end.

multifarious features of this study could be successfully accomplished only by the persistent support, guidance and encouragement of all concerned. I am highly indebted to my guide Dr. Ashutosh Biswal for his guidance, unstinted support and persistent encouragement. I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to him for instilling in me the zeal to carry out this study with the proper understanding of intricacies of research and developing in me the robust optimism by his constant involvement at every stage. I feel lucky to get a guide like him who has special humane qualities like unlimited patience, highly encouraging positive attitude and vast generosity. His most appreciable quality as a research guide is he never pointed out mistake as an error, rather he directed me towards rectification as a step towards betterment and correction in real sense. The words and space will always be inadequate to thank a guide like him.

I also wish to express my deepest gratitude to Dr. N.P.S. Chandel, Reader, Faculty of Education, DEI, who inspired me to undertake the study in this area. I take this opportunity to thank Prof. S. Kumar, Dean, Faculty of Education & Psychology, The M.S. University of Baroda, Vadodara and Prof. Prabha, Dean, Faculty of Education, DEI for giving

me the support and opportunity to undertake this challenging work.

I would also like to thank experts who helped me in constructing the tool. I

extend my thanks to all the staff members and library staff of Faculty of

Education, DEI Deemed University, Dayalbagh, Agra and library staff of

Faculty of Education & Psychology, M.S.University, Vadodara for their

timely support without which this study would have been incomplete.

Words are inadequate to express thanks to my mother who

encouraged me to undertake this research work and helped me through

the ups and downs of my mood. Without the encouragement and

assistance of my mother and brother at every stage, this study would not

have been possible. My thanks also reach out to my spouse for his

understanding of my involvement in carrying out the study. Many people

have rendered timely support and shared valuable information and

experience, space constraints do not permit me to thank them

individually but I acknowledge the help rendered as invaluable and

without which this report would have been incomplete.

Vadodara

December 2009

Jova H. Ahuja ~

Researcher