

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Ph.D. is a journey of a student to move on a path shown by teacher as a torch-bearer for his/her academic development. I take this opportunity to express gratitude to Prof. Amit. Dholakia. His immense patience beginning from sensitizing me with the research work till the compilation of this piece of dissertation, throughout he supported and managed providing precise guidance even in his busy schedules. Prof. Dholakia sir's passion for teaching, his deep understanding and intellectual expertise has converted my raw and scattered ideas into a finely shaped and creatively delineated piece of research work. I sincerely remain indebted to him for his kindness to motivate me to work with focus and dedication. I am gratified for his support, encouragement and guidance to complete this piece of research work.

I am grateful to all senior and esteemed colleagues at the Department of Political Science by motivating me to complete my coursework within specific time period. I thank Ms. Nidhi Shendurnikar, a research scholar at the Department of Political Science, who has accompanied me to explore top libraries of India for the data collection. I am also grateful to all the students of Political Science discipline as I could reflect deeper into research work while teaching the basic courses at undergraduate level. I am grateful to the Dean, Faculty of Arts, as well as University officials and all the coursework resource persons for the completion of this piece of research work.

A person can reach the destination or achieve goal only with strong support from all the family members to get this work done. My parents Mr. Jaydevbhai Vyas and Mrs. Dakshaben Vyas are the reason for me to take this project. I dedicate this piece of work to them. My elder sister Hiral, who has been my inspiration and my support system was throughout there to keep me motivated

and facilitated the environment I required to complete this work. Elder brother Dr. Bhargav Dave has been supportive throughout all these years.

I am grateful to my family members Mr. Prakash Dave (uncle) and Dr. Jagruti Dave (aunty) for providing me homely atmosphere during my stay at Baroda. I am deeply grateful to all my family members for their support and trust in my ability to complete this piece of research work.

I am not able to mention each name here but there are many more persons who have contributed for the successful completion of this piece of research work. I value their support. I am solely responsible for any mistake that has remained in the dissertation.

**Palak Vyas**

Research Scholar, Department of Political Science

The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda