I would like to express my deep sense of gratitude to my teacher and guide Professor (Dr.) Jayaprakash A. Shinde for his valuable guidance and insightful suggestions at every stage and for examining this research work with great patience and interest. I am also thankful to Mrs. Shinde for warm hospitality I received every time during my visits.

I am very much indebted to Dr. S.V. Shastri for having readily provided me with access to the ICE-IND, the primary source material of this study and for valuable suggestions about using the corpus at the initial stage.

I had the privilege of discussing my research topic with renowned scholars and linguists like Dr. Lachman M. Khubchandani, Director, Centre for Communication Studies, Pune; Dr. Ashok Thorat, Director, Institute of Advance Studies in English, Pune. I am grateful to them for enriching me with new perspectives.

I would like to acknowledge the generous help and free access offered by the Library staff of Shivaji University, Kolhapur, Jaykar Library University of Pune, The British Library, Deccan College, Pune and the Institute of Advanced Studies in English, Pune. My special thanks are due to the Library staff of CIEFL, Hyderabad, for their assistance in getting books, journals and reference material.

I am thankful to Prof. (Dr.) P.A. Attar, Head, Department of English, Shivaji University, Kolhapur, for his encouragement and sympathetic consideration.

I must thank Mr. Akshay Sarwade, a friend and also a research colleague for sharing his views in the topic of my research and of course for assisting me for a number of times in carrying out this work in time.
My thanks are due to Dr. B.N. Wadkar, Principal, N.D. Patil Night college of Arts and Commerce, Sangli, for the constant inspiration and kind co-operation I received.

I must be grateful to my husband, Dr. B.B. Walwadkar and elder daughter Pallavi, not only for boosting my confidence but also for the patience and forbearance during the long period of research work.

My special thanks are to my younger daughter Prajakta and her pet friend Guddi (Vibhavari) who tried to ease out my tensions by quoting the typical instances of Code Mixing and Code Switching from the data, and who were always eagerly waiting to help me in many different ways.

I am immensely thankful to Miss Ambika for carrying out the meticulous work of typing the thesis and managing with the computer technicalities.

I am sincerely thankful to my parents, brothers, my colleagues and friends for their moral support and encouragement.

June 2011

Ms. Sneha B. Walwadkar