ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

It is with profound gratitude, I gratefully record my sincere thanks to my beloved teacher and Research Supervisor, Dr. Y. V. Ramanaiah, Reader and Head, Department of Geography, S.K. University, Anantapur for his scholarly guidance, kind co-operation and constant encouragement in carrying out this research work most successfully.

It is with reverence and veneration, I express my heartful thanks to Late Prof. E. Swaminathan for his unflinching support and valuable suggestions and I wholeheartedly pray the Lord Sri Venkateswara to ensure peace to his departed soul.

I sincerely acknowledge my thanks to Dr. M. Sambasiva Rao, Reader and Chairman, Board of Studies, Department of Geography, S.K. University, Anantapur and Dr. K. Ravindra Reddy, Lecturer, Department of Geography, S.K. University, Anantapur, for their timely help and valuable suggestions.

I am very much thankful to Dr. A. Krishna Kumari, Lecturer, Department of Geography, S.K. University, Anantapur, for her constant encouragement and immense help and assistance rendered in preparing the final maps with utmost care and efficiency.
I owe my sincere thanks to the Vice-Chancellor, Registrar and other University Authorities for granting permission to carry out my research work.

I am ever thankful to my friends Sri. M. Venkatamuni Reddy, K. Sudhakar Naidu, K. Ranganayakulu, G. Pulla Reddy, Dr. N. Chendrayudu, Dr. A. Ramanaiah and C. Adinarayana Reddy whose contributions in finalisation of the dissertation are immense.

I sincerely thank Mr. P. Lokanna, for his kindly help in typing the report with utmost care.

I owe my thanks to my revered mother and family members and beloved wife whose unstinted aspirations have been a source of inspiration to me.

B. Sreenivasa Reddy

B. SREENIVASA REDDY