Acknowledgements are many but lines are few; a gratitude so deep, that words not do! (Unknown)

First and foremost, I owe deep sense of gratitude to Dr. Ashwini A. Vaishnav, Former Professor & Head, Department of Library & Information Science, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad for her unstinted support, most able guidance, keen interest, constructive suggestions and constant encouragement without which this research work would never have evolved.

I am grateful to Honorable Dr. S. B. Nimse, Vice chancellor of the Swami Ramanand Teerth Marathwada University, Nanded for his support and encouragement. I express my special thanks to Dr. S. P. Satarkar, Librarian, Swami Ramanand Teerth Marathwada University who gave me uncasing encouragement.

I am grateful to Dr. V. N. Shinde, Registrar, Dr. R. D. Biradar, Dr. R. D. Kaple, Dr. Pr. M. Katar, Dr. J.A. Kadam, Dr. B.R. Suryawanshi, Dr. H.S. Patade, Dr. Mrs. V. N. Laturkar, Dr. Mrs. A. P. Pathak and all other teachers, officers and staff members of Swami Ramanand Teerth Marathwada University and University Library staff for their persistent encouragement.

I sincerely thanks to Dr. V. S. Khaparde, Head, Department of Library & Information Science Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad for helping me whenever I approached her.

It is my proud privilege to express my deep sense of gratitude to Dr. S. Seetharama, former Professor & Head, DRIC, Bangalore and Dr. S. K. Patil Professor and University Librarian, University of Pune for valuable suggestions, encouragement and guidance.

My special thanks to Dr. Shashank S. Sonwane for providing me his valuable & expertise guidance. My thanks are also due to Dr. Govind D. Adhe for his help since the beginning of this work.

I am also thankful to Prof. (Mrs.) Neela Deshpande, Dr. Pratibha Gokhale, Dr. Mohan Kherde, Dr. Rajendra Kumbhar, Dr. Sadanand Bansode, Dr. D.K. Veer, Dr. Shewale, Dr. Manoj Kulkarni, V.N. Deo, Dr. Daya Dalve, Ms. Chitarekha Kuffalikar, Shrikant Gosavi, R. S. Pawar for their encouragement.

I am indebted to Dr. Narednra Kumar, G. Mahesh and Dr. Gangan Pratap, Director, NISCAIR for guidance in the training on Bibliometrics at Delhi.

I am gratified to Mr. H G Hoshmani Librarian (Scientist), INFLIBNET Ahmedabad for providing overall help during the visit at INFLIBNET.

IV
Thanks are due to University Librarians’ of Madras University, Alagappa University and Pondicherry University for their permission for referring thesis and other library material.

My thanks are due to Henry Samson, M.D. Garad, Mrs. Shubhangi Bidarkar, B.G. Mukhyadal, M.D. Golwal, V.B. Udavant, Ms. P.D. Mundhe, Mohite, Narwade, who helped, co-operated & inspired me in period of work.

I am indebted to my parents, almighty God and spiritual gurus who bestowed me inner strength to face the challenges that come my way. I am thankful to Mrs Tarabai & Padmakarao Joshi, Mrs. Anuradha & Dhondopant Vishnupurikar, Mrs. Sunita & Laxmanrao Shiradhonkar, Mrs. Jyoti & Purushottam Haldekar, Mrs Archana & Bhujiang Joshi, Mrs. Shubhangi & Dattatrya Kulkarni, Mrs. Shilpa & Gajanan Joshi, Sanket & Saurabh Joshi and Parth Haldekar.

I am grateful to the family members of the guide Mr. Gajanan Vaishnav, Mrs. Sushma Vaishnav and Baby Bhargvi who kept a happy atmosphere while discussing the research matter with guide for long hours.

I am gratified to Rajesh Joshi and his family, Antram Bhuibal, Dr. Kjrnt Kumar More, Dr. Chandrakant Alegaonkar, Shyam Dharasurkar, G.P. Kulkarni, Ky. Pranali Udayrao Shewalkar, K. M. Gawale, Sidhant Tamgade, P. B. Mane, Siddiqui K. S. and all others who helped me directly or indirectly in completion of this research work.

I am deeply indebted to all those scholars who have worked out their research on bibliometrics, scientometrics and other related areas. They not only inspired but also made me interested to choose this important field for my research work. I am indebted to the different authors on the subject whose work I have either consulted or quoted.

The typing, plotting the graphs, drawing the tables is my own work. The views in this research work are my own as are the errors.

Last, but not least my sincere appreciation to my wife Mrs. Pranita, son Janak, and daughter Pankaja for their love, patience and understanding.

Place: -Nanded  Date: - 08/02/2011
Researcher
(Kulkarni Jagdish Narharrao)