SUMMARY

The aim of present study is to contribute more knowledge on taxonomy of parasitic Hymenoptera belonging to the family Braconidae.

The thesis deals with the taxonomy of sixteen species belonging to 11 genera and nine subfamilies of the family Braconidae.

The unique features of the thesis consist of determination of two new genera, *Elliptidepressius* and *Mahallorhogas*. The genus *Phanerostoma (Unica)* Snoflak is recorded for the first time from Western Maharashtra. The genera *Phanerostoma (Phanerostoma)* Wesmael, *Allorhogas* Gahan and *Phaenocarpa* Forester though recorded from India have been recorded for the first time in Western Maharashtra.

Taxonomic study embodies descriptions of sixteen species, all are new to Science, viz., *Elliptidepressius convexi*, *Elliptidepressius rugosi*, *Elliptidepressius dicubitalis*, *Protomicroplitis raoi*, *Phaenocarpa odontopetalis*, *Zelomorpha tarspectini*, *Phanerostoma (Phanerostoma) tibiologobuli*, *Phanerostoma (Unica) telomelanini*, *Macrocentrus pleuroflangei*, *Macrocentrus mancharensis*, *Allorhogus gholapi*, *Mahallorhogus odontocoaxai*, *Rogas (Rogas) ozarena*, *Rogas (Rogas) ramkrishnai*, *Heterogamus oturi* and *Spathius shivnerensis*. 
A key to the Oriental species of *Elliptidepressius*, gen. nov. is provided for the first time and keys to the Indian species *Protomicroplitis* Ashmead, *Zelomorpha* Ashmead, *Macrocenrus* Curtis, *Rogas* Nees. *Spathius* Nees are also provided.