

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

At first, I convey my deep sense of gratitude to my respected Supervisor, Dr. Taranee Deka, Associate Professor, Department of Assamese and Dr. Anil Baro, Co-Guide, Department of Folklore Research for their inspiring guidance and constant help and co-operation during the entire period of my research under the Gauhati University. The present work is the result of their impartial care, affectionation, inspiration and effort.

I am highly thankful to Prof. J.K.B. Rout, Head, Department of M. I. L., and Dr. Mukul Chakravarty, Assistant Professor, Dept of M.I.L. for their observation of my thesis and kind suggestion and to all the working professors.

I must express my sincere thanks to the authorities and all the staff of the K. K. Handique Library, Gauhati University, Kokrajhar District Library, Kokrajhar, Bodoland University Library, Kokrajhar, Bodo Sahitya Sabha, Kokrajhar, Bodo Writers' Academy Library, Kajalgaon, Basugaon College Library, Basugaon for their help and co-operation that I received during the preparation of my research work.

I am extremely thankful to my parents Late Amalsing Muchahary and Late Ombari Muchahary, Santosh Muchahary, father-in-law and Suchitra Muchahary, mother-in-law, elder brothers Manoranjan, Rabiram, Sabin and younger brother Rupon, younger sisters Bina and Joymati, sisters-in-law Jitu and Bhabukhi, broters-in-law Calambus, Amit and Lwithwma, nieces Anne and Risha and nephews Bidyut and Biki for their well wishes and constant inspiration in my research work.

Finally, I shall remain ever grateful to my wife, Protima Muchahary for her constant help and inspiration during the entire period of my research work.

Ranen Chandra Muchahary

(Ranen Chandra Muchahary)

Date : 25/06/14