Dedicated to

My father Mr. Maktool Singh

And my Husband

(For their love, Care and
Encouragement)
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

At the very outset, I express my sincere gratitude to the almighty for enabling me to pursue this research project and helped me throughout my life and during the days of my research. In fact without his assistance I am damn sure my work would not be completed. My work would be incomplete if I forget to express my sincere thanks to my Father Late Shri Maktul Singh and my mother Smt Ugam Devi whose blessings enable me to achieve higher academic Goals. My debts for direct and indirect assistance are many. Individual debts are hard to measure and harder to number than institutional ones and a few names must represent many.

I am particularly indebted to my Guide Dr. R.C. Kumawat for his valuable dedicated guidance, constant inspiration and scholastic attitude which he gave throughout writing of this thesis. I can never forget my beloved Sonia, Nagendrababu and Saurabh for their all kinds of help. I am also very thankful to the staff and librarian of the University for their Timely Help and cooperation in completion of present study.

I would be failing in my duty If I forget to express my gratitude to my Husband Mr. Bhagwan Singh in this academic pursuit has been a strength to me and supported me in all the circumstances. I always found him standing beside me through thick and thin. My sweet daughter Nidhi and my dear Son Anshuman’s sacrifices are very difficult to acknowledge. I can never forget when I deprived them for all motherly comforts and still they rendered a great help in concretizing my work. My special gratitude to my elder sister Mrs. Kusum and my brothers Gajender Singh and Bijender Singh whose inspiration, cooperation and affection infuse a energy inside me. I express my sincere thanks to all the Secondary schools students of Shekhawati region those were acted as subjects for the present study. I am also very thankful to all school principals and teachers who allowed me to use their school students for my research work.

Lastly, I would like to thank all those, who have been a shower inspiration ever since and directed me with enthusiasm, moral support and sheer innovation genius to undertake and complete this study.

(Snehlata Shekhawat)