ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I wish to extend my deep sense of indebtedness and reverence to my Supervisor Dr. Subhash Chandra Srivastava, Reader, Botany Department, D.A.V.P.G. College, Azamgarh and Co-Supervisor Dr. M. Z. Beg, Reader, Botany Department, S.N.P.G. College, Azamgarh under whose erudite guidance, untiring efforts and continued interest throughout the period of my research work, I have been able to prepare the present thesis. I am deeply indebted to his and thank his heartily for the encouragement and thoughtful criticisms.

I shall remain grateful to Principal, S.N.P.G. College, Azamgarh for providing all the necessary facilities. Also I wish to express my sincere thanks for his fruitful suggestion from time to time.

I shall remain grateful to Prof. Monica Basu, D. Phil. F.S.M.P. Former Prof. of the Botany Department, University of Allahabad, Allahabad for providing necessary facilities and extend my special thanks for her countless help and suggestions.

I take this opportunity to specially thank, Dr. Naveen Krishna Srivastava, Lecturer, Botany Department, S.D.J. (P.G.) College, Chandeshwar, Azamgarh for their help in academic discussion and experimental works.

I have no words to express my feeling for my respected father Sri Mangla Prasad Srivastava and my mother Smt. Sanjoo Devi for their blessing and constant encouragement and Co-operation.

My special thanks are also due to my wife Smt. Anamika Srivastava and brothers Mr. Amit Srivastava, Ajeet Srivastava, Pankaj Srivastava, Malaya Krishna Srivastava and my friend Dr. Brijesh Kumar Singh, Dr. Vishal Singh, Shalini Srivastava, Amit Yadav for their valuable help.
I take pleasure in thanking my all senior and junior colleagues of the Botany Department for their full co-operation and generous help.

Last but not the least my nephew Sumit and Nice Rakshanda's co-operation is also greatful acknowledged.

Thanks are also due to Mr. Anil Kumar Rai, I.C.T. Computer, Sidhari, Azamgarh for presentable typing for the thesis.

Azamgarh

Ritesh Kumar Srivastava
(Ritesh Kumar Srivastava)
Research Scholar