Acknowledgement

I presented this study with a sense of sincerest gratitude and indebtedness towards Dr. Pratiksha H. Raval, Head, Department of Psychology, Gujarat University Ahmedabad who has not only been my esteemed supervisor but a source of continuous encouragement, constant help and invaluable guidance at each and every step of my research. My association with Dr. Raval has been one of the most stimulating relationship which I shall cherish for all coming times.

It was in the initial stage of my work that professor Dr. Anil shah, Head, Psychiatry Department of Civil Hospital, Professor Dr. V. D. Shah former Head of Psychiatry, Department of V.S. Hospital, Prof. Vora of School of social science, Prof Mrs. Mehta of P. G. Commerce Department, Prof. Mr. Mehta of B. K. School of Business management, Prof. Mr. Sata of L. D. Engineering College and also other Departmental Heads, Professors and lecturers, Doctors, Engineers, Business Persons, small industrialists and others.

I acknowledge my thankfulness to professor Dr. B. B. Patel of Gandhi Labour Institute, Ahmedabad, Who has helped me indirectly and encouraged me to carry out this research work. Prof. Trivedi of Gandhi Labour Institute, helped in my
data collection work. Other Professors and staff members of the Institute also provided me direct and indirect help so I am thankful for that. Special thanks go to Mrs. Mercy James and Mr. Jayesh Patel for providing the typing work.

I have immense pleasure in acknowledging the support given by my husband Ashok and patience borne by my son and daughter, Amitabha and Avantika, nephew Santanu and my brother Dr. Sunil Trivedi. I am also thankful to all my friends who have helped me directly or indirectly.

I offer my thanks to Dr. Subir Roy, Head, National Informatics Centre, Gandhinagar. My special thanks to Mr. Harish Advani of NIC, Ahmedabad, for his co-operation and guidance in the laborious statistical analysis. Thanks go to Mr. Nilesh Mehta for his neat and clean typing work.

Finally, I acknowledge my thankfulness to many individuals who have directly or indirectly helped me in the completion of my work.

I recall for a special mention of thanks to all those individuals who become the part of this study.