ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

I am thankful to the Hon. Vice Chancellor and all other officials of Manonmanium Sundaranar University for providing admission to Ph.D. Programme in Education and supporting me during this project.

I am most grateful to my guide, Dr. K. S. Ramakrishnan, M.Sc., M.Ed., M.Phil., Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Tamil Nadu Open University, Chennai for setting an example to me to follow and for his expert guidance, valuable suggestions and constructive criticisms.

I wish to record my gratitude to all the Professors who had helped me in my research work. I am thankful to all the Principals, the staff members and concerned functionaries of all the schools for the visually challenged for their permission, information, suggestion and co-operation for my research work.

The interest shown by College Students and Graduate Association of Blind (CSGAB) and All India Confederation for the Blind (AICB) in providing me access to their library for my project and their suggestions and help can never be forgotten. I am thankful to the Regional Director, National Institute for Visually Impaired (NIVH) for permitting me to consult sources available in the library.

I am grateful to the members and volunteers of Rotary Helen Keller Talking Book Library: Mrs. Rani, Mrs. Usha, Miss Ranjini, Mrs.Susila, Miss. M. Padmavathy, Miss. Suchitra and Mr. M. Elangovan. I express my heartfelt thanks to Mr.S.S. Pandiayarajan, Project Assistant, National Institute for Visually Handicapped (NIVH) for helping me in collecting primary and
secondary sources of information, transforming my suggestions and ideas into the project.

I owe my gratitude to my dear parents and family members who had encouraged me in my education. Without their support, this project could not be possible.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all my co-workers, friends and all educational experts for their support. My special thanks to Srimathi. Rajeswari, Rathakrishnan Charitable Trust, Chennai for their contributions. I owe my heartfelt thanks to all my team members for the completion of this project.

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to everyone who has helped me in my research work in every possible way.

S. BALAJI