

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

*I take this opportunity to express my deep sense of gratitude and profound thanks to my research guide **Dr. B.S. Biradar**, Professor and Chairman, Department of Library and Information Science, Kuvempu University, Jnana Sahyadri for his invaluable guidance, sustained encouragement, constructive ideas, constant encouragement and kind hearted co-operation for which, I will always remain indebted.*

*I record sincerely my profound thanks to **Dr. I.R.N. Goudar**, Head, Information Centre for Aerospace Science and Technology (ICAST), NAL, Bangalore for his valuable inputs and fruitful discussion during the course of my research work. I express my sincere gratitude to **Dr. S.L. Sangam**, Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, Kamatak University, Dharwad and **Dr. H.S. Siddamallaiah**, Principal Information Officer, NIMHANS for their beneficial suggestions and encouragement.*

*I am extremely thankful to faculty members **Smt. Padmamma. S**, **Dr. B.T. Sampath Kumar** and **Sri Dharni Kumar. P**, Department of Library and Information Science, Kuvempu University, Jnana Sahyadri for their timely support and encouragement.*

*I am indebted to the **Director, National Aerospace Laboratories, Bangalore** for the kind permission to do my research work and encouragement.*

*I thank my colleague **Mrs. Lakshamma** for the excellent DTP work. I also thank **Mrs. Jayashree, Mrs. Indrani, Mr. Ravikumar, Ms. Geetha** and **Ms. Vijayalakshmi Reddy** and other colleagues of ICAST (including Printing Section) for their help.*

*I am indebted to **Dr. (Late) T.B. Rajashekar** for inspiring me to pursue research on the topic close to his heart. I thank **Dr. Peter Suber**, Earlham College, UK for posting message along with URL about my research on his blog.*

I record my sincere thanks to all those professional information managers from both India and related foreign universities and establishments and users of Institutional Repositories for taking trouble of filling up the survey questionnaires within the stipulated time.

*Finally I acknowledge my thanks to my beloved mother, **Smt. Shakunthala Rao**, my husband **Sri K. Narayana** and sons **Master Sandeep** and **Master Sanjay**, my brothers **Sri (Late) Channakeshav Rao** and **Dr. M.K. Narendra Rao** for their moral support and encouragement.*

Poornima Rao Narayana