ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

I am very much indebted to Dr. Navita Mahajan and Prof. Asha Sethi my supervisors, whose painstaking efforts in providing me with scholarly guidance and constant encouragement, invaluable support both at professional and personal levels made this research feasible to complete in time.

I acknowledge with gratitude to Professor Emeritus J.N. Joshi, Chairman of Institute for Development and Communication, Chandigarh the support, encouragement and inputs I received from him during the period of writing this thesis.

I am extremely grateful to Prof. Dr. Raj Gupta, Chairperson of the Department of Education, Panjab University, Chandigarh, for her support to pursue this research.

I am indebted to Former Principal of Dev Samaj College of Education, Chandigarh Dr. Satinder Dhillon for her support and co-operation that she extended me to stay in her college during the initial stage of my study.

I owe a great debt of thanks to my teacher Prof. Dr. Jai Raj Awasthi, Head of English Education Subject Committee for his intellectual inputs and moral support in completing this research.

My sincere appreciations go to Dr. Lekh Lath Bhattaria, Dr. Bikas K.C, Dr. Khadga K.C, Dhrwa Karki, and Mr. Kaldas Sharma, Surya, G.C., Bijay Aryan, Amrit Bhandari, Rajendra Paudel, Saroj Koirala, Keshav Bastola, Ramji Pokharel, Bidhaya Tamrakar, Premeshwor Baral, Shiv Baral, Khagendra Paudel, Dr. Rebati Naupane, Babu Ram Paudel and Dr. Kirandeep Singh for their valuable comments and suggestions extended to me during the time of analysing data.

I am grateful to the children who have been a profound source of my inspiration to embark on this investigation. I also wish to extend my sincere thanks to the research informants including teachers, HMs, parents and SMC members who have been extremely helpful in my research.

I am profoundly indebted to my father and mother for their inspirations. They have passed away but their vision of my life navigates the study I take.

Finally, deep appreciation is felt for my wife Ratna and my daughter Junu and son Jeevan for their encouragement and support.

Tara Datta Bhatta