ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

At the outset, I sincerely thank, Department of Political Science, Karnataka University, Dharwad for providing me an opportunity to pursue and submit Ph.D thesis. I take this opportunity to acknowledge the assistance extended by various persons and institutions in this regard.

I am extremely thankful to my research guide Dr. M.G.Khan with whose valuable guidance and constant encouragement, I have completed the research. I thank faculty members of Department of Political Science for their kind gesture and encouragement who provided valuable suggestions pertaining to the research.

I express my deep sense of gratitude to local freedom fighters namely V.G.Angadi of Koganur who unfortunately died on 23rd November 2009, Venkanagouda of Hullur and Virupakshappa Abbigeri of Sudi for giving me required information and valuable data of the study area. My sincere thanks to Jnanadev Doddameti, former M.L.A. of Ron and son of Late Andanappa Doddameti, front line leader of national movement, Prabhat Narayanpur son of Totappa Narayanapur and Gopal Malagi son of Jayaram Malagi for providing details of their fathers involvement in national movement. Dr Bannur and Prof C.V.Kerimani, retired Principal from Laxmeshwar and Ningu Solagi, a teacher from Mundaragi and Shrinivas Udupi, advocate from Hole-Alur and Shri P.H.Kakanur of Somanakatti village provided needed information of study area. I thank Asst, Commissioner and Tahshildar Office of Gadag district for providing valuable information of study area.

I am greatly indebted to Members and Staff of Karnatak University Library, Department of Gandhian Studies, Karnataka Vidyavardhaka
Sangh Dharwad, CMDR Dharwad for providing relevant material for the present study. I acknowledge my thanks to the President and Management of K.S.Samiti for providing me an opportunity to complete the research. I also thank Principal, my Colleagues, and other Staff members for their kind Co-operation and encouragement.

The present thesis would not have completed without the assistance of S.B. Jadhav who prepared study map and assisted in completion of binding work and typing the script. I extend regards to my brothers Dr.M.L.Guledagudd, Prof.S.L.Guledagudd, Dr.S.F.Sidnekkoppa, and Dr.D.V.Honagannavar, Dr.N.Guru Prasad, Prof. Anil Vaidya and Shri. Gopal Hegde, Associate Editor, Deccan Herald and Prajavani News Paper, Hubli and members and players of Sports Academy of Gadag and my family members for their kind encouragement.

I owe a great deal to my beloved mother and my mentor B.G.Khan who left heavenly abode. It was their constant encouragement and inspiration motivated me to opt teaching profession. I once again thank one and all who helped directly and indirectly in completion of the research.

Jai - Hind.

Shri. S.L. Guledagudd
Research Scholar.