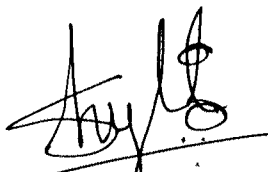


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I, S. K. Shylini, declare that this thesis entitled **“A GIS EVALUATION OF THE SPATIAL BEHAVIOUR OF SEDIMENT TEXTURE, INHERENT OPTICAL PROPERTIES AND BENTHIC FORAMINIFERA OF THE SHALLOW ARABIAN SEA, OFF THE KANKON-KARWAR COAST, INDIA,”** embodies the results of *bona fide* research work carried out by me, under the guidance and direct supervision of Dr. B. R. Raghavan, Associate Professor, Department of Marine Geology, Mangalore University. I further declare that this thesis focusing on the Kankon-Karwar coast particularly on shallow marine environmental parameters, Optical properties of the sea and benthic foraminifers with a view on microenvironments or part thereof has not been the basis for any degree or diploma.

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