ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This thesis arose in part out of years of research. By that time, I have been accompanied and supported by a great number of people whose contribution in assorted ways to the research and the making of the thesis deserved special mention. It is a pleasure to convey my gratitude to them all in my humble acknowledgment.

In the first place and foremost, I pay my heartiest gratitude to Prof. Aditya Shastri, Vice Chancellor, Banasthali Vidyapith. He has given me the opportunity for doing research in this institution. It is really a great pleasure for me. I sincerely acknowledge my deepest sense of gratitude to Prof. Rekha Govil, Banasthali Vidyapith.

I would like to record my gratitude to my supervisor Dr. Seema Verma for her supervision, advice, and guidance from the very early stage of this research as well as giving me extraordinary experiences throughout the work. I have been under her able guidance since 2011 when she encouraged me to start this work and gave me the opportunity to be a member of her inspiring research group. Above all and the most needed, she provided me unflinching encouragement and support in various ways. During these years I have known her as a sympathetic and principle-centered person. Her overly enthusiasm and integral view on research and her mission for providing ‘only high-quality work and not less’, has made a deep impression on me. I owe her lots of gratitude for having shown me this way of research. Her endless support, patience and constructive criticism have been precious during these years. I shall always remain deeply indebted for her ingenious guidance, affectionate glances and generosity bestowed on me, which assisted me to overcome every problem that came in my way during the period of this investigation and preparation of this manuscript. I would also like to thank her for keeping an eye continuously on the progress of my work and was always available even during personal vacations and providing valuable guidance and comments on this work. She could not even realize how much I have learned from her. I am indebted to her more than she knows.
Where would I be without my family? My parents deserve special mention for their inseparable support and prayers. I am forever indebted to my parents for their effort to give me the best possible education. They taught me the value of knowledge, the joy of love and the importance of family. They have stood behind me in everything I have done, providing constant support, continuous encouragement and true love. My Father, Shri. Rajinder Singh Ahlawat in the first place is the person who put the fundament my learning character, showing me the joy of intellectual pursuit ever since I was a child. My Mother, Smt. Rajbala, is the one who sincerely raised me with her caring and gentle love. Furthermore, I convey my acknowledgement to my husband Vinay for his advice and my brother Amit for his support during this research work.

I would like to thank my father-in-law Shri. Ram Avatar Chaudhary and my mother-in-law Smt. Lakhpati for their continuous encouragement. I would also like to acknowledge my daughter Laxya for her unselfish love.

Finally, I would like to thank everybody who has been important to the successful realization of thesis, as well as expressing my apology that I could not mention everyone personally one by one.

With limitless humility, I would like to thank the Almighty GOD, Merciful Compassionate who bestowed me with all the favorable circumstances to go through this crucial juncture.

(Prachi)