ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This thesis would not have been possible without the support and encouragement of many people. To the following people, I owe an enormous debt of gratitude.

Firstly, I would like to express my sincere gratitude and heartfelt thanks to my guide and co-guide, I would not have been able to complete the research work and shape it in the form of the thesis without his consistent advice and never ending enthusiasm, positivity, encouragement, support and understanding. I am very fortunate for having an opportunity to work with him from which I benefited enormously.

I would also like to take the privilege to thank the honourable Vice-Chancellor, Academic Registrar and other staff members of the administrative office, Krishna Kanata HandiquiState Open University for helping me directly or indirectly during the tenure of my research. I am also thankful to Dr. Amar Saikia, Principal, Dispur College for his valuable suggestions and continuous encouragement. I am very thankful to avail this opportunity to express my gratefulness to Dr. Laba Kumar Thakuria, Assistant Professor Department of BCA Dispur College, whose positive attitude and constant inspiration gave me lot of strength to all the learners, teachers/counselors from whom data has been collected- I express my sincere gratitude and thanks. I would also like to take the opportunity to thank my wife MrsRekhaDeka Barman for providing me necessary help to carry out my research work. At last I am very much happy to say that I offer my love to my little baby Sri Dhrishit Raj Barman(Bubu) and Sri Medhansh Barman(Mann)

(Mathur Barman)