ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I express my deep sense of gratitude to my revered guide, Dr. M. V. Rodrigues, SIBER, Kolhapur, under whose able guidance I completed my dissertation. He has been a source of encouragement to me at every stage in my research work.

I take this opportunity to express my indebtedness to Dr. J. A. Shinde, Head, Department of English, Shivaji University, Kolhapur, who helped me whenever help was sought. My sincere thanks are due to Dr. M. G. Kadam for his valuable suggestions and encouragement in my research work.

I must make a grateful mention of the Librarians of Barr. Balasaheb Khardekar Library, Shivaji University, Kolhapur, Nagarpalika Nagarvachanalaya, Karad and Keshavrao Pawar Library, S. G. M. College, Karad, for their help and prompt co-operation.

Place:- Kolhapur

Date :- July, 2008

(Y.B. Patil)