

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

I am extremely thankful and grateful to the Almighty for being kind to me throughout the project and without whose blessings it would not have been possible to complete this work.

I express my deep sense of gratitude and profound respect to my supervisor **Prof. D. C. Vashist**, Dept of Economics, Central University Haryana, for boosting my confidence during the period of completion of this dissertation work by providing moral support, inspiration, co-operation, timely suggestion and proper guidance to carry out my dissertation work.

I express my sincere thanks to **Mr. Ashwani Kumar** for his guidance, encouragement and co-operation and invaluable comments throughout my research work. I am grateful to him for all his comments and suggestions throughout my study.

It gives me immense pleasure to thank **Dr. K Durairaj**, Research Fellow, Institute of Economic Growth, and **Dr. Sanjaya Sharma**, Assistance Prof. Delhi University, for giving me all the necessary suggestions, comments and help.

I am very much thankful to **(late)Prof.K.Sham Bhat, Prof.M.Ramachandran, Prof.V.Nirmala, Prof. S. Arvanan**, Pondicherry University for their encouragement and suggestions.

I am very much thankful to **Mis. Sovana, Dr. Ritu Tomar, Dr. Anand Sharma, Dr. Sahu and all faculties**, Central University of Haryana for their encouragement and suggestions throughout my study.

I also thankful to my friends **Chattar Pal., Banamali, Chand, lalit, Atish, Manjet, Sanjet, Bajrang, Ravinder, Pankaj, Dinesh, Monaj, Rekha, Rasmi, Anu, Sanju, Suman, Amita** for their self-less supports and encouragement.

It gives me immense pleasure to thank **Institute of Economic Growth, JNU, Pondicherry University, IIT Mumbai, Central University of Haryana and MDU**, for facilitate me their library facilities which enabled me to complete this work.

I wish to express my sense of gratitude to my parents, brothers, sisters and relatives for their inspiration throughout my academic career. Without them, this work would have been a distant mirage.

BIRABRATA PANDA