ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

First and foremost, I express my sincere gratitude and acknowledge my debt to my advisor, supervisor, mentor Dr. Debajyoti Biswas, HoD, Dept. of English for his continuous support, motivation, enthusiasm, and patience despite his engagement with various academic works. It wouldn't be possible for me to complete my work without his constant support, academic guidance, and valuable suggestion. Besides my supervisor, my sincere gratitude goes to the respected members of the Departmental Research Committee and all the honourable faculty members of Department of English, Bodoland University for giving me the opportunity to carry on my research work and by providing all the necessary advice and encouragement.

I owe a great deal of gratitude to the countless persons, groups, and institutions that provided me with information, advice, and data for my research. I'd want to thank the office-bearers of various Satra Institutions for giving me the opportunity to view and collect the research materials. Among it, especially everyone related to Barangajuli Satra who helped me with the hospitality and research work are to be remembered for lifetime. I appreciate my colleagues' constant inspiration and active support, especially Nripen Das, Ripunjay Bezbarua, Babul Sarkar and all my friends, for graciously sparing their valuable time to talk with me about my study materials and other related topics.

I am eternally grateful to my parents and family members for their love, prayers, care, and sacrifices, especially my *Maa* whose hard-work and blessings gave me strength to complete my research work. I am also very much thankful to my brother-in-law Pran Gopal Das and my elder brother Ranjeet Kr Dass, for their motivation and support. I am also grateful to my friends for their well wishes and prayers. I also express my warm-hearted love to my son Jigar.

Above all, I thank almighty God for leading me and blessing me to overcome every hurdle, for the insight He provided, and for the strength, good health, and peace of mind that enabled me to finish my thesis. Lastly, I will always be thankful to that person, who always stood beside me and gave all the encouragement, support, care, and strength.

Rupanjit Das

Rupanjit Das