Acknowledgement

Research needs constant dedication and hard work. Along with this, it also needs continuous encouragement, support and cooperation from many people. In my research, many people have encouraged, supported and cooperated with me. For this, I would like to thank them for their sincere gratitude and cooperation towards me.

First of all I would like to thank my guide Dr. Gayotri Dekadoloi, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science for sincerely guiding me in my work. Her encouragement, valuable advice and kind cooperation have helped me to successfully complete my research and also helped me to systematically write my dissertation. I convey my sincere gratitude and pleasure towards her.

Secondly, I would like to thank all the faculty members of the Department of Political Science Dr. Jyotiraj Pathak, Dr. Jhanin Mushahary, Dr. Jutirani Devi, Mrs. Indira Basumatary, Mrs. Junmani Basumatary, Mr. Solomon Islary for their encouragement, valuable advice and constructive criticism which helped me to systematically carry out my research and to systematically write my dissertation.

Thirdly, I would like to thank all the staffs of NERSWN and NEDAN FOUNDATION for helping and cooperating with me by wasting their valuable time. I convey my sincere gratitude and pleasure towards them for talking and discussing with me, for showing me their activities and also for helping me in interacting with the beneficiaries.

Fourthly, I would like to thank all my lovely friends Prakash Narzary, Thomas Mahilary, Janaki Basumatary and Mijing Narzary for their kind cooperation with me. I convey my sincere gratitude and pleasure towards them for going with me to the office of the NERSWN and NEDAN FOUNDATION, to different places for conducting my survey and also helping me in my field study.

Its only because of all of them I successfully and systematically completed my research.

Jhumi Narzary

Research Scholar