ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

At the very outset, I would like to express my indebted to my Supervisor

Dr. Gayotri Dekadoloi, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Bodoland

University, Kokrajhar, Assam, India who has helped me to develop inquisitiveness,

logical thinking and thirst for knowledge in me through her productive instructions

and patient guidance since the beginning of the study. Her constructive suggestions

and credible guidance motivated me at every step of my research work, without which

this work would not have been completed. I feel highly indebted and cordially grateful

to her.

I further express my sincere gratitude to all the faculty members of the

Department of Political Science, Bodoland University for their continued feedback,

support, suggestions, cooperation and providing a conducive academic environment

during my research.

I am very much indebted to my beloved parents Late Isahac Basumatary and

Smt. Sarala Basumatary. They have always been my source of power and inspiration

in my life. I am also grateful to my husband Mr. Mithun Nath for his continuous

support throughout the research.

I am also thankful to the authority and staff of Padmashri Modaram Brahma

Central Library (Bodoland University), K.K. Handique Central Library (Gauhati

University), District Library (Kokrajhar) and Nil Kamal Brahma Central Library

(Kokrajhar Govt. College) for the access of their valuable collections and co-

operations for this study.

Place: Lokrayhan

Jone Basumalay (Ionee Basumatary)

Dept. of Political Science **Bodoland University**

Kokrajhar, BTAD, Assam

iii