

# DECLARATION

I, SAVANT SUYOG CHANDRASHEKHAR S/O MR. CHANDRASHEKHAR NARAYAN SAVANT resident of B-14, Amba Sadan, Jerbai Wadia Road Near Tata Hospital, Bhoiwada, Parel Mumbai City Maharashtra 400012, hereby declare that the research work incorporated in the present thesis entitled “A SURVEY TO DETERMINE KNOWLEDGE OF INFODEMICS, ITS IMPACT AND COPING STRATEGIES BY DOCTORS OF BHARATI VIDYAPEETH HOSPITALS OF MUMBAI, PUNE AND SANGLI” ( मुंबई, पुणे और सांगली के भारतीय विद्यापीठ अस्पतालों के डॉक्टरों द्वारा इंफोडेमिक्स के ज्ञान, इसके प्रभाव और मुकाबला रणनीतियों का निर्धारण करने के लिए एक सर्वेक्षण ) is my original work. This work (in part or in full) has not been submitted to any University for the award or a Degree or a Diploma. I have properly acknowledged the material collected from secondary sources wherever required.

I solely own the responsibility for the originality of the entire content.

**Signature of the Candidate**

**Date:**

**FACULTY OF DENTISTRY**  
**PACIFIC ACADEMY OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND  
RESEARCH UNIVERSITY, UDAIPUR**

**Dr. KAILASH ASAWA**

**Professor & HOD**

**CERTIFICATE**

It gives me immense pleasure in certifying that the thesis “**A SURVEY TO DETERMINE KNOWLEDGE OF INFODEMICS, ITS IMPACT AND COPING STRATEGIES BY DOCTORS OF BHARATI VIDYAPEETH HOSPITALS OF MUMBAI, PUNE AND SANGLI**” ( मुंबई, पुणे और सांगली के भारतीय विद्यापीठ अस्पतालों के डॉक्टरों द्वारा इंफोडेमिक्स के ज्ञान, इसके प्रभाव और मुकाबला रणनीतियों का निर्धारण करने के लिए एक सर्वेक्षण ) and submitted by **SAVANT SUYOG CHANDRASHEKHAR** is based on the research work carried out under my guidance. He / she has completed the following requirements as per Ph.D. regulations of the University;

- (i) Course work as per the University rules.
- (ii) Residential requirements of the University.
- (iii) Regularly presented Half Yearly Progress Report as prescribed by the University.
- (iv) Published / accepted minimum of two research paper in a refereed research journal.

I recommend the submission of thesis as prescribed/notified by the University.

**Date:**

**Name and Designation of Supervisor**

**Dr. KAILASH ASAWA**

Professor & HOD,  
Department of Public Health Dentistry,  
Pacific Academy of Higher Education  
& Research University, Udaipur

# COPYRIGHT

I, **SAVANT SUYOG CHANDRASHEKHAR**, hereby declare that the Pacific Academy of Higher Education and Research University, Udaipur, Rajasthan, shall have the rights to preserve, use and disseminate this dissertation entitled “**A SURVEY TO DETERMINE KNOWLEDGE OF INFODEMICS, ITS IMPACT AND COPING STRATEGIES BY DOCTORS OF BHARATI VIDYAPEETH HOSPITALS OF MUMBAI, PUNE AND SANGLI**” ( मुंबई, पुणे और सांगली के भारतीय विद्यापीठ अस्पतालों के डॉक्टरों द्वारा इंफोडेमिक्स के ज्ञान, इसके प्रभाव और मुकाबला रणनीतियों का निर्धारण करने के लिए एक सर्वेक्षण ) in print or in electronic format for the academic / research purpose.

**Date:**

**Signature of Candidate**

**Place:**

# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

To begin with, I would like to express my sincere gratitude and deep appreciation to my Ph.D guide, **Dr. Kailash Asawa** Sir for his unconditional support during my Ph.D study related research. I also take this opportunity to thank, **Dr. Hemant Kothari Sir**, Dean, Pacific University for the constant academic encouragement, valuable advice, motivation and reminders during all time. I would like to extend my deepest regards to **Shri. Ramesh Agarwal** Sir who showed me the right way and encouraged me to complete my thesis when I faltered and was about to quit midway.

This doctoral study would not have been possible without the support and cooperation of Doctors of Bharati Vidyapeeth Hospital of Mumbai Pune and Sangli, who participated in the study and helped me to complete the thesis within the tenure.

I would like to extend my gratitude to late Founder Chancellor Hon'ble **Dr. Patangrao Kadam** Sir, Chancellor Hon'ble **Prof. Dr. Shivajirao Kadam** Sir, Vice Chancellor Hon'ble **Prof. Dr. Vivek Saoji** Sir and, Pro Vice Chancellor Hon'ble **Dr. Vishwajit Kadam** Sir and Campus Director **Dr. Vilasrao Kadam** Sir for giving me this opportunity to conduct the thesis in their colleges.

I am indebted to my beloved wife **Dr. Renuka S Pednekar** and my son **Pradhyuman Savant** who has stood rock solid with me throughout this process. I sincerely thank my parents, my family and my colleagues who lend overwhelming support and love throughout this doctoral work. I sorely miss my father in law **Umesh Pednekar** in the moments of happiness who would have been proud of me in this journey of pursuing the highest degree of academic.

I would like express my sincere gratitude to **Dr. Sahana Hegde Shetiya** who for being a true mentor, advisor who trained and inspired me to pursue research and academics.

Last but not the least I dedicate my thesis to my grandparents who have inculcated the qualities of perseverance, hard work and dedication in me.

With this end note I sincerely thank the entire family of PAHER university especially the supporting staff **Dr. Surya** Sir and **Ms. Kusum** Madam for immense support and hospitality extended to me during my brief presence in PAHER university, Udaipur.

The final one, my distinctive thanks to *Nav Nimantran Thesis Printing & Binding, Udaipur* Admin Team for their role in shaping this research, creative design work and bringing out this document meticulously, neatly and timely.

**DATE: -**

**SAVANT SUYOG CHANDRASHEKHAR**