

# DECLARATION

I declare that the thesis entitled "DISTRIBUTION, ABUNDANCE AND HABITAT INTERACTION OF HIMALAYAN PHEASANTS WITH THEIR RESPONSE TO CLIMATE CHANGE IN KHANGCHENDZONGA BIOSPHERE RESERVE, SIKKIM, INDIA" has been prepared by me under the guidance of Dr. Sudip Barat, Professor, Department of Zoology, University of North Bengal and Dr. Hemant K. Badola, Formerly Scientist 'G' & Scientist In-Charge of G.B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment and Sustainable Development, Sikkim Unit, and presently, Advisor-Biodiversity, Hon'ble Chief Minister's Office, Govt. of Sikkim, Gangtok. No part of this thesis has formed the basis for the award of any Degree or Fellowship previously.

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