## **DECLARATION**

I hereby declare that the work reported in the M. Phil dissertation entitled "Bridging the gap between the Biological age and the Academic age in pursuit of the RTE" submitted at Indian Institute of Public Administration/Punjab University is an authentic record of my work carried out under supervision of Dr Girish Kumar of IIPA. I have not submitted this work elsewhere for any other degree or diploma. I am fully responsible for the content of my M. Phil dissertation.

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