# **Declaration by Research Scholar Originality of Research Work**

I, Ashish Vipulbhai Chovatiya declare that thesis entitled "Genome Editing through CRISPR Cas9 for Improvement of Beta Carotene in Groundnut [Arachis hypogaea (L.)]" is my own work conducted under the supervision of Dr. Preetam Joshi at Department of Biotechnology, Faculty of Science, Atmiya University, Rajkot, Gujarat, India and approved by the Director of Research.

I further declare that to the best of my knowledge the thesis does not contain any part of any work which has been submitted for award of any degree either in this University or any other University without proper citation.

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## Certificate of Supervisor

This is to certify that work entitled "Genome Editing through CRISPR Cas9 for Improvement of Beta Carotene in Groundnut [Arachis hypogaea (L.)]" is a piece of research work done by Ashish Vipulbhai Chovatiya under my supervision for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Department of Biotechnology, Faculty of Sciences, Atmiya University, Rajkot, Gujarat, India

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- I. Embodies the work of candidate himself,
- II. Has duly been completed,
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Dr. Preetam Joshi

Supervisor



#### Certificate

### **Pre Thesis Submission Presentation**

This is to certify that **Ashish Vipulbhai Chovatiya** has made Pre Ph.D. presentation on the research work entitled **Genome editing through CRISPR-Cas9 for improvement of Beta carotene in Groundnut [Arachi hypogaea (L).]** in the Faculty of Science, Atmiya University, Rajkot on 06/11/2024 before Departmental Research Committee for getting feedback and comments.

This is also to certify that all the suggestions and comments given by the Doctoral Progress Review Committee are incorporated. Moreover the presented research work was appreciated and recommended by all attendees.

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### Thesis Approval Form

The Viva-Voce of the Ph.D. thesis entitled "Genome editing through CRISPR-Cas9 for improvement of Beta carotene in Groundnut [Arachi hypogaea (L).]" submitted by Ashish Vipulbhai Chovatiya (Enrolment No. 211681001) was conducted on 30/12/2024 (Monday) at Atmiya University, Rajkot, Gujarat

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