Research Methodology

It is clear from the above discussion that this research work will focus on comparative literary study of selected novels of Thomas Hardy and Vyankatesh Madgulkar. Preamble will be used to touch the issue of revelation of concept of Man and Destiny. For better understanding of this concept, a brief survey of works of both novelists is necessary. Along with this, a brief survey of major theories of comparison will be undertaken. Some basic considerations like significance of the study, hypothesis, objectives, scope and limitations of the study will be defined and discussed clearly.

For analyzing, interpreting and evaluating selected novels of both novelists, certain theoretical framework is necessary. For this, Hardy’s philosophy of life and Madgulkar’s philosophy of life will be compared. Different comparative socio-cultural aspects of two societies presented by them will be considered. On the basis of analysis, interpretation and evaluation of the selected novels of these two novelists, an attempt will be made to compare revelation of concept of Man and Destiny by these two novelists. Further, on the basis of comparative study certain conclusions will be drawn. As and when needed, some other approaches, aspects of studying novel will be considered and used.

Primary data for this research work will be collected by using original novels of these two novelists and by making use of different literary, critical references. Secondary data will be collected by making use of information through some other agencies like internet and will be used for further study. Journals, Magazines will be referred for this. Research work done earlier related to these novelists will be used as secondary data. By visiting different libraries, institutions, places, and people and by searching different websites on internet, data will be collected for this research.

A brief historical survey should be done and brief critical review about the two novelists and their works will be done. This research will define certain key concepts used in the study such as concept of regional novel both in English and Marathi, concept of Man and Destiny,
Wessex, Maandesh ...etc. For brief critical review, a brief survey of the critical opinions already expressed on the novels of Hardy and Madgulkar is necessary.

To form critical and theoretical framework, analysis, interpretation and evaluation of the selected novels of Thomas Hardy will be done. By using the same criterion, the critical and theoretical framework analysis, interpretation and evaluation of the selected novels of Vyankatesh Madgulkar will be done. This analysis, interpretation and evaluation will provide necessary scope and basis for comparative study of the concept of ‘Man and Destiny’ used by the selected novelists. From this comparative study certain conclusions can be drawn.

Work Plan

Schedule: (Chapter Scheme)

The present research attempts to show concept of ‘Man and Destiny’ as revealed through the selected novels of Thomas Hardy and Vyankatesh Madgulkar. In this context, the tentative chapter scheme of the proposed research is as follows.

Chapter 1: Introduction

1.1 A Brief survey of Major Theories of comparison.
1.2 A Brief survey of life and works of Thomas Hardy and Vyankatesh Madgulkar.
1.3 Significance of the study.
1.4 Hypothesis and Objectives of the study.
1.5 The Approach (Method to be used)
1.6 Scope and limitations of the study.

Chapter 2: Brief Historical Survey and Brief critical Review.

2.1 Brief Historical Survey of Regional Novel, English and Marathi.
2.2 Definitions of key concepts.
2.3 Brief critical Review.

Chapter 3: Analysis of selected novels of Thomas Hardy.

Chapter 4: Analysis of selected novels of Vyankatesh Madgulkar.

Chapter 5: Comparative perspective.

Chapter 6: Conclusion.