

Preface

In my initial years as a student, I used to run to the library at every possible instance to grab a book and learn something new. Books were my primary source of knowledge and I would not have come such a long way without all that I learnt from them. Thus, when I was approached to edit this book; I became understandably nostalgic. It was an absolute honor to be considered worthy of guiding the current generation as well as those to come. I put all my knowledge and hard work into making this book most beneficial for its readers.

Ecology is the study of the interaction that occurs between organisms and their environment, including other organisms. Ecology supports functions and processes like biomass production, soil formation, erosion control, etc. Natural resource management, urban ecology, agroforestry, aquaculture are some of the significant aspects that fall under the umbrella of ecology. The topics included in this book on ecology are of utmost significance and are bound to provide incredible insights to readers. With state-of-the-art inputs by acclaimed experts of this field, this book targets students and professionals.

I wish to thank my publisher for supporting me at every step. I would also like to thank all the authors who have contributed their researches in this book. I hope this book will be a valuable contribution to the progress of the field.

Editor