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Preface

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Flora of Andhra Pradesh was published in 1997 and additions in 2008. The book went out of print in 2010. The long awaited decision to divide the state of Andhra Pradesh coincidentally happened when the first author started revising the book sitting in Missouri Botanical Garden, U.S.A. It was then the idea of separate Flora for Telangana and reorganized Andhra Pradesh began. The first author continued his work using the facilities of Missouri Botanical Garden Herbarium and Library. He would like to highlight the warmth and affection which he received there and inspired by their hard work and dedication. Prof. T.Pullaiiah thanks the authorities of Missouri Botanical Garden, Herbarium and Library for the permission to consult the Library and Herbarium.

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