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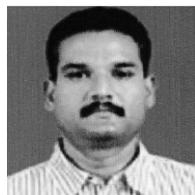
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PREFACE

Forests and Forestry have generated immense interest in the Professional Forestry Education offered across the country by the State Agricultural Universities, ICFRE Institutes and other conventional universities. Professional Forestry education in India incorporates all the facets of forestry *viz.*, Fundamental aspects, managerial concepts, technology developments and applied aspects of Forestry science. The success of Forestry education is well reflected in the employment of Forestry graduates in Government and private sectors. Of late, increasing demand for Forestry professionals from multifarious organizations has created significant competition for Forestry oriented jobs among the graduates of various disciplines. Paucity of a comprehensive text book encompassing various aspects of Forestry science has been felt to be a major bottleneck for graduates to be successful in competitive examinations.

Graduating students of Forestry and other graduates aspiring for competitive examinations like the Indian Forest Service have to refer a wide range of books to cover the entire syllabus. The authors being academicians of Forestry involved in teaching the undergraduate and post graduate students in Forestry have long felt that the graduating students and other graduates who select Forestry as a subject for competitive examinations experience immense difficulties in referring to a wide range of books. All the more, students of Forestry, officers from State Forest Departments and Forestry academicians across the country have demanded a comprehensive book covering all subjects of forestry in a simple and lucid language to learn the art and science of forestry.

This necessitated conceptualization of a comprehensive text book on subjective forestry which is titled as **Forestry - A Subjective Guide for IFS Aspirants** to cater the needs of graduates of Forestry and other science and engineering graduates aspiring for the Indian Forest Service. This book has 32 chapters *viz.*, Introductory Forestry, Regeneration of Trees, Tree Nursery, Silvicultural System, Mangroves, Cold Deserts, Silviculture of Economic trees, Agroforestry & Social forestry, Joint Forest Management (JFM), Tribology, Forest Soils, Soil Conservation, Watershed Management, Environmental Conservation, Biodiversity, Tree Breeding and Improvement, Seed Technology, Forest Management, Forest Working Plan, Forest Mensuration, Remote Sensing, Surveying and Forest Engineering, Forest Ecology, Dendrology, Herbaria and

Ethnobotany, Forest Utilisation, Non Wood Forest Products, Wood Seasoning, Wood technology, Forest protection, Wildlife management, Forest economics and Forest policy. The text is prepared in a form which is easy to follow and the main focus is on enabling the reader to understand and conceptualize the various aspects of Forestry to succeed in competitive examinations.

The authors having been associated with teaching Forestry Education over years have taken pains to refer several books to collect information and present in a simple and readable form to meet the examination needs of the students and graduates alike. The authors are indebted to acknowledge the authors of the books, journals, websites, government documents like policy and acts from various sources as appended in the reference section from which the needed information for the current book has been referred and included.

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This being a maiden attempt, there are chances of errors and omissions in the contents. The readers of the book are most welcome to suggest corrections and additions in the chapter contents which will enable us to improve in future editions.

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