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## Preface

While dealing with certain topics in entomology to undergraduate and postgraduate students of zoology over the last three decades, I realized a dearth of information on certain topics indicating a strong need of a specialized book dealing with those topics. In this way, the title Industrial Entomology came into existence in my mind. *The term industrial entomology refers to the use of insects, their activities, or products on industrial scale for the human welfare.* In the same context, I contacted with certain real experts for the selected topics covered under the umbrella of industrial entomology. The book starts with a brief write up on industrial entomology, followed by honey bee diversity, bee keeping, diseases, and natural enemies of honey bees; lac insects, lac cultivation, and lac culture; mulberry sericulture; diseases and natural enemies of *Bombyx mori*; tropical tasar culture; temperate tasar culture; eri-culture and muga sericulture; insect pollinators, insects as food, and insect pharmaceuticals; and mass production of natural enemies for biocontrol of insect pests. To my knowledge, there is no such book dealing with these specialized topics by the real experts. I am sure that the book will be quite useful in studies not only to undergraduate and postgraduate students but to all those interested in practicing these areas besides the policy planners.

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