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Foreword

Protected cultivation assumes importance in the wake of yield enhancement in limited areas and the production of good quality produce for better climate resilience. The protected cultivation can enable the production of vegetables, flowers and fruits during on and off seasons for fetching premium prices in the market withstanding the vagaries of erratic weather conditions. Intensive cultivation with efficient water utilization can be a suitable crop production practice in Horticulture for commercial viability. However, the complex edapho-climatic conditions and concepts of designing and building of protected structures need a complete understanding of technology under Indian conditions. The involvement of different cladding materials and structures need sound technological innovations. The different types of structures for customized greenhouses and their utility would determine the crops based on the season and market demand. The cultivation of crops and their management in a greenhouse need to be programmed for better efficiency in achieving the best results.

In this direction, the efforts made by Dr. N. N. Reddy., Dr. Suresha D. Ekabote., Dr. P Narayanaswamy, and Dr. B. Satyanarayana Reddy in editing the book **"Greenhouse Cultivation of Horticulture Crops"** are commendable and deserve special appreciations. This book deals with all the aspects of greenhouse cultivation principles, designing, constructing, and cultivation aspects of various time-bound Good Agricultural Practices for export markets following scientific approaches and appropriate technologies. I hope this book would form an essential guide for the scientists, farmers, innovators, entrepreneurs, startups, and others who intend to cultivate horticultural commodities with a high-profit motto in a limited area. I take this opportunity to congratulate the efforts made by the authors in bringing out this valuable publication.

Preface

The book on theme entitled **"Greenhouse cultivation of horticultural crops",** brought out the issues to the mankind on the cultivation aspects of crops under greenhouses. Requirement of greenhouses are perceived recently, otherwise the opinion was that greenhouse cultivation was not necessary for Indian conditions. The productions, productivity and quality of the produce are excellent under the cover. Use of greenhouses can double or triple the yield, without affecting the quality, rather with an increment in the quality. The eminent scientists and experts in the area of horticulture, plant protection, plant nutrition, physiology, ecology and architecture have amalgamated and developed a good, handy handbook that can serve as guideline for the cultivation of horticultural crops under greenhouse conditions.

The book clearly and concisely lays out a basic understanding of greenhouses, how to integrate the factors into cultivation and how effectively applied to the local conditions. It focuses on planning, design and construction of greenhouses, intricacies of environmental conditions to be managed while cultivation of several important and commercial flowers, vegetables and fruits, with illustration. The book throws light on cultivation of crops for the export market. One of the highlights is that how to control pest and diseases under special conditions.

It is well written by combining theoretical, technical and practical information, and can be a source of information to the teachers, students and horticulturists.

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