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The *Indian Forester* is running in its 137th year of uninterrupted services to scientific forestry. During preceding years, we improved the quality of journal by incorporating valuable suggestions from many of our readers. Improvement in the quality of contents of journal is the continuous process which is carried out as and when required for the betterment of the journal. For the purpose, several meetings of "Central Editorial Board" were held during past years. Under the able guidance of Dr. P.J. Dilip Kumar, Director General of Forests and Special Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Govt. of India and dynamic leadership of Dr. V.K. Bahuguna, President, "Central Editorial Board" of *Indian Forester* and Director General, Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education, an "Advisory Editorial Board" consisting of several eminent Forest Officers and Scientists has been constituted with the objective to improve the quality of contents and standard of the journal. Some changes in the Journal's size and format have also been effected. Current issue of the journal is before the readers with completely transformed format with quality art paper and many other improvements.

We are confident that *Indian Forester*, in its new format, would fulfill the desires and aspirations of our readers, contributors and subscribers who have shown keen interest. Concern shown by our readers has always been a source of encouragement to us.

Management and staff of *Indian Forester*, who worked hard in bringing out the journal in its new format, deserve special appreciations. I compliment them for carrying forward the rich tradition with modern technological input. Special thanks to Editorial Board, Business Manager, Adviser, Assistant Manager, Staff of Indian Forester and printer for their dedicated efforts in timely publication of this newly designed issue of the *Indian Forester*. I trust, *Indian Forester* in its new format would get overwhelming response and appreciation from our readers, valuable contributors and subscribers. I hope the journal will continue to be useful to the researchers, academicians, field officers and to all others having interest in scientific forestry.

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