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### Preface

There are several books on groundwater vulnerability assessment. So, why this book? It all started during our research related to groundwater vulnerability assessment when we struggled to find a simple, yet robust book full of case studies in the field of groundwater vulnerability assessment. We had to read several research papers to develop the contents for this book to be written in a lucid manner. Several theses are written every year worldwide, but few are read and that forms the so called "Library to Library Research." In this, you choose a research gap from the available literature in the library and solve it and submit the thesis to the library. We are an advocate of "Library to General Mass" research, wherein you solve a problem and bring it to the general people including research scholars, academicians, policymakers, etc., in the form a book. So, this is a book for anyone who wants to work in the field of development of rapid regional assessment tool for the estimation of vulnerability of groundwater to contamination. This book takes Fatehgarh Sahib region (Punjab, India) as a pilot study area and describes how to assess the vulnerability of groundwater to contamination in a very simple manner by stitching the several hydro-geological and human-made factors and highlighting the inherent research problems.

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