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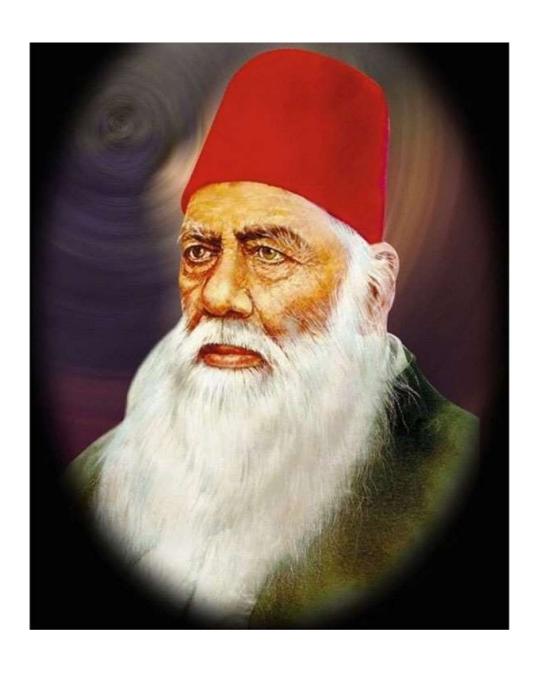
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## **Preface**

At the present time, most of the developing and underdeveloped countries are facing drinking water problems due to increasing world population and industrial expansion. With increasing anthropogenic and industrial activities, most of the industrial discharges like organic and inorganic pollutants enter into the water bodies and contaminate the system. Therefore, there is an urgent concern worldwide to search the new water resources and purification techniques to treat wastewater to reuse in daily life.

Among all the studied water purification techniques like adsorption, flocculation, precipitation, ion exchange, etc., there have been growing interests in the advancement of nanofiltration membrane as sustainable approach which are effective and efficient for the removal of toxic pollutants even in trace amount from wastewater. Apart from other techniques, the nanofiltration membrane is considered as a simple, sustainable, economical and extensively used technique which plays a significant role in waste purification. The preparation, characterization and design of nanofiltration membranes play a vital role to make them more effective and efficient in the application of water purification.

In this book, a summary of recent information about membrane hydrophilicity, water flux, removal efficiency, characterization, design and mechanisms involved during the separation process are discussed in detail. This book helps academicians, scientists, researchers and working people in industries to understand the mechanism of nanofiltration membrane as a sustainable and promising technique in the field of wastewater treatment. This book provides a wide knowledge of nanofiltration technique to the water purification audiences concerning the recent development with various illustrations, methods and results for graduate students, scientists, academicians, researchers and industrialists. Readers from wastewater and water purification may take help as a quick reference by exploring the research literature on the subject field with commercial value-added research applications of nanofiltration membrane. This book offers significant coverage of the commercial status, trends and performance of nanofiltration membrane technique.

We are greatly thankful to all qualified researchers, scholars and leading experts to contribute their valuable work. The chapters provided cutting-edge up-to-date viii Preface

research findings on nanofiltration technique. We collected all the information given by eminent authors on nanofiltration and related membrane research from Turkey, India, Indonesia, Saudi Arabia, etc., and, finally, compiled this project in a fruitful way.

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