Preface

The present research work is an attempt to analyze the effect of economic growth on environment. Environment is a broad subject, in fact, anything which 'surrounds,' consisting of both organic and inorganic matter may be considered as environment. Man plays the prime role here. It is from the perspective of man, that nature is viewed and judged. Environment and economy cannot be separated. Both are interdependent. Economic activities are also very wide. In the present study the scope is limited to economic activities in terms of mining and heavy industries. Heavy industries constitute a substantial amount of toxic emissivity, in the air and water.

Broadly, the whole work has been analyzed as general to specific. Historical overview of the impact of man on environment is discussed briefly, which constitutes section A of Chapter one. Ideologies of the scholars and their ideas about the environment have been briefly touched in Section B of the same chapter. As economy grew different types of economies emerged. However, while going through the latest results of pollution injected by different countries, irrespective of their economies, made me chose Russia for the present study. Soviet leaders while adopting the command economy propagated that Socialism provides the prerequisite for rational control of the natural environment of scientific basis. Whereas, the environmental condition today has emerged due to the capitalist mode of production. It was said that under Socialism there was no wastage and deterioration. Then the question arises where Socialism went
wrong as far as the deterioration of environment is concerned. Were the policies of economic development in the last eighty years abortive? The answers are explored in the next three chapters, which consist of state policies towards environment (Chapter II), spatial distribution of industries (Chapter III) and its impact on environment (Chapter IV).

Much work has been done, but a lot more still needs to be done. More study is needed in relation to policies and their impact on environment, so that a rational Eco-friendly decision could be adopted on the matter.