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ABOUT THIS BOOK

This is a collection of essays in honour of Professor Jyoti K. Parikh. Chapters in this book are written by her students and colleagues, prominent academics and practitioners who have had a professional connection with Professor Parikh during her long and distinguished career. The overarching themes running throughout the book are energy access and policy, climate change and sustainable development. All the essays are shaped by the role that Professor Parikh has played over the last 60 years in the academic and policy arena nationally and internationally.

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A MANY FACETED HISTORY—STORY OF PROFESSOR JYOTI PARIKH’S LIFE

Kirit Parikh



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- Kovid in Hindi from the Rastrabhasha Prachaar Samiti,
- Bhushan in Sanskrit from Gujarat Sanskrit Parishad standing first in the state and
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The significance of her achievements is reflected in the many honours she has received.

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- **Boutros Ghali Award** for 1995 instituted by the Japan Foundation for United Nations given at the United Nations University (UNU).
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