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Engr. Wajahat Rehan belongs to the very early graduates of engineering when entering in this field was more of a challenge not only due to the rigour and hard work needed but also due to the mindset of people at that point in time related to women education. Engr. Wajahat courageously chose the most daring discipline w.r.t women; Civil Engineering, only to send a message that more daring feats are still to follow.

"Facets of Pakistan" in hand is an evidence to that daring feat, which become more clear after going through the synopsis of the book. While most of her compatriots prefer to write something which tends to align them among researchers and intellectuals, Engr. Wajahat distinctly identified herself as an individual who sincerely wants to serve the related professionals. The synopsis clearly identifies the intend and the inspiration behind this huge compilation undertaking which needed compassion, hard work, incredible difficulties and patience.

The structure and format of the book has been kept in a thoughtful manner and one can very easily reach to his / her desired information after browsing the Table of Contents of this very comprehensive resource book.

One fact that the reader should keep in mind is regarding numerical figures of certain data which might to them look erroneous in a certain timeline, however, such data most of the time does not remain static and its dynamism needed insertion where and whenever needed, which should be taken care of by the users. The other reason of making the data look erroneous is related to figures normally appearing in gallops surveys and/or isolated unapproved reports. Such reference books as "Facets of Pakistan" however, always cite authenticated figures based on approved government documents and accepted reports and, therefore, the end user has to take appropriate decisions based on his/her acumen, while working towards some planning schemes.

Such efforts as "Facets of Pakistan" would always need improvements, appraisal and additions, the best way forward, therefore, would be positive contribution of the user to make "Facets of Pakistan" a dynamic document to be used for years to come and to convey a humble compliment to Engr. Wajahat Rehan for her remarkable efforts done with sincerity, humility and grace.



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