IN LOVING MEMORY OF DR. GUNA NIDHI PAUDYAL

The IWM family is mourning the loss of Dr. Guna Nidhi Paudyal, who passed away recently. He was a kind-hearted man with a humble personality. Dr. Guna was born in Pokhara, Nepal, on 21 November 1952. He completed his B. E. Civil (Hons) with Gold Medal in 1975 from the University of Rajasthan, Jaipur, India and M. Engineering from the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Bangkok, Thailand. He obtained his doctoral degree in Integrated Water Resources Management Modelling from the same university. During his successful professional career, he worked in many countries including Bangladesh. He had over 120 publications in international journals, books, and conference proceedings.

We remember his invaluable contribution to the development of IWM with deep gratitude. Dr. Paudyal served as the Chief Technical Adviser of the Surface Water Modelling Centre (SWMC) from 1993-1995. During this tenure, he played a crucial role in the institutional process of SWMC, which was later renamed as the Institute of Water Modelling (IWM).

Dr. Paudyal made significant contributions to several important national initiatives in the water sector of Bangladesh. One notable project he worked on was Flood Action Plan 25 (FAP 25), which utilized GIS and flood models to assess the impacts of floods and determine management options. He also played a key role in developing a flood forecasting model for the country.

We are deeply saddened by the loss of such a valuable member of the Water Resource Engineering community. Our thoughts and sympathies are with his loved ones during this difficult time. The IWM family joins in offering our heartfelt condolences to his family and friends.