



DR. PRAMOD CHANDRA PANT

(1954 - 1984)

Dr. Pramod Chandra Pant was born on 30th of June, 1954 in Khatoli village in Almora district, U.P. He graduated from Maharaja College, Jaipur, in 1974 and subsequently, in 1976, secured a first class Master's degree in Geology from Rajasthan University. He was awarded the Ph.D. degree in 1981 from the same university on his micropalaeontological contribution entitled 'A study of Ostracoda from the Eocene and Oligocene beds of Western Kutch, Gujrat.' He started his professional career as a Technical Assistant in the State Ground Water Board, Rajasthan, where he served for more than two years and later as Assistant Professor in Maharaja College. He joined the Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology on 1st of May, 1981, and was entrusted with the biostratigraphic investigations of the Karakorum and Zanskar regions of the Himalaya. In a short time he proved his capability of working in such a remote, inhospitable and difficult terrain and came out with significant micropalaeontological information. His enthusiasm for research induced him to join Spiti field party this year to collect material from the Triassic sediments of Spiti valley. He was also engaged in studies of ostracode fauna of Karewas of Kashmir for detailed palaeoclimatological interpretations. Dr. Pant was a young, dynamic and amiable person and had a charming personality. He leaves behind his wife and a baby daughter.

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