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Dr. Hukum Chandra passed away on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at the age of 48. It was an unbearable loss to the scientific community. He was working as National Fellow and Principal Scientist at the ICAR-Indian Agricultural Statistics Research Institute, New Delhi, India. He worked on diverse areas of methodological and applied problems in statistics with more focused work on Small Area Estimation Techniques. He has received number of awards and appreciations for his research contributions such as National Award in Statistics from Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Govt of India; ICAR-National Fellow Award; Cochran-Hansen Award from International Association of Survey Statisticians; Young Researcher/Student Award of the American Statistical Association; Lal Bahadur Shastri Outstanding Young Scientist Award of ICAR; Recognition Award of the National Academy of Agricultural Sciences; Professor P.V. Sukhatme Gold Medal Award and Dr. D.N. Lal Memorial Award of Indian Society of Agricultural Statistics. He was recipient of the Commonwealth Scholarship offered by the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission in the United Kingdom. He was Elected Member of International Statistical Institute, The Netherlands, Fellow of National Academy of Agricultural Sciences, India and Fellow of Indian Society of Agricultural Statistics. He has worked as a Council Member of International Association of Survey Statisticians. As International Consultant of Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations, he has worked in Sri Lanka, Ethiopia and Myanmar to strengthen the Agricultural Statistics System. He has published more than 125 research papers in reputed journals and have four books.

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