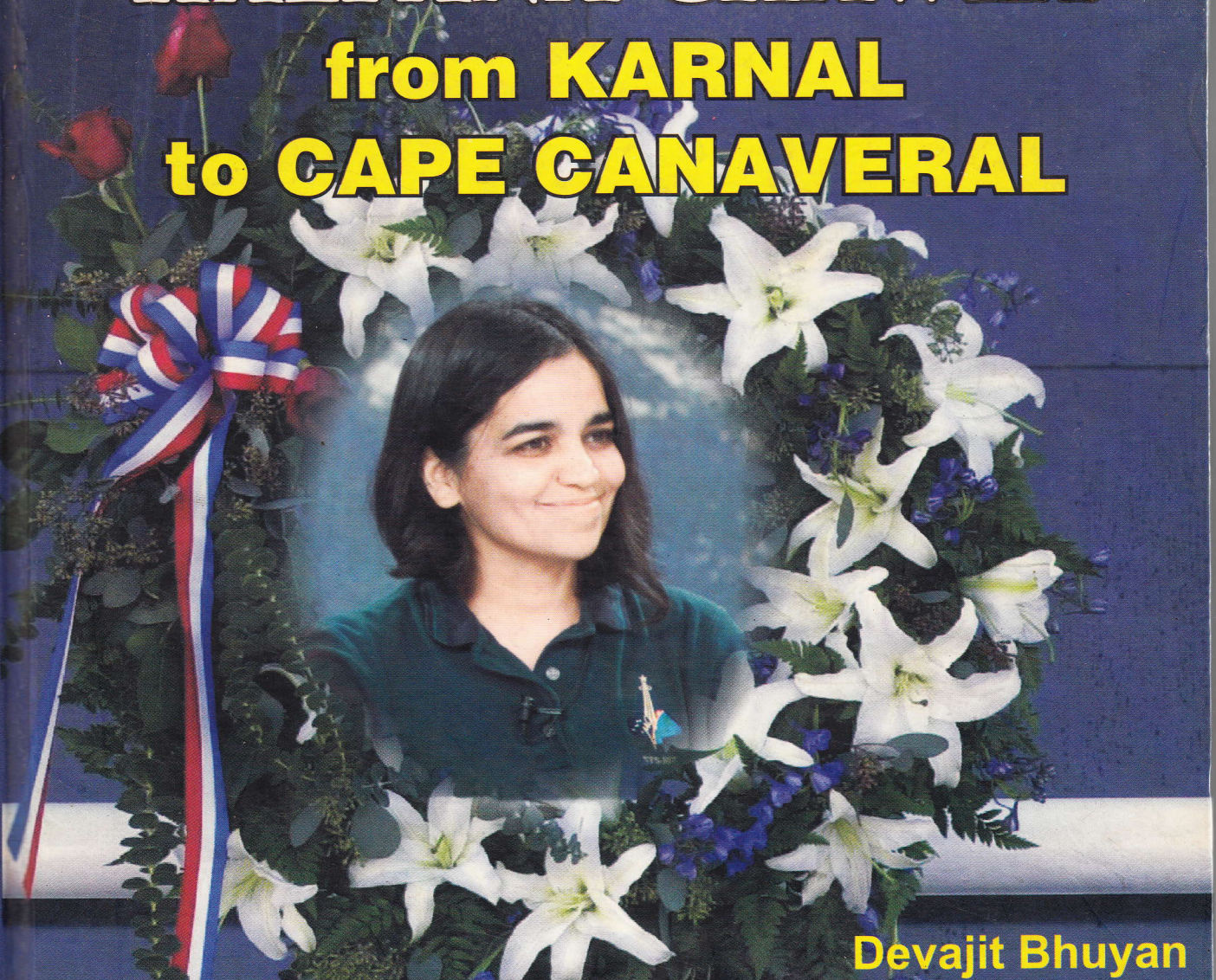


# KALPANA CHAWLA

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Kalpana Chawla was truly a jewel of India and is now no more with us. It is hoped, her story in the words of well known author and Career Counsel Devajit Bhuyan will inspire many of our young people to take to science and more particularly 'space science'.

This book though somewhat late in appearing, also includes a poem by Robert D. Blackwill, the former US Amabassador to India in honour of Kalpana, the girl from Karnal who made it to Cape Canaveral. Also endowed with some brilliant photographs, the book is bound to be a Collector's item.

As we go to press comes the news that NASA has dedicated its new Altix supercomputer 'KC' to the memory of Kalpana Chawla who was one of the seven crew members aboard Space Shuttle Columbia which disintegrated in midair in February 2003. Speaking at the function, Ames Centre Director, G. Scott Hubbard stated, ".....she was not only a member of the NASA family, but also a special member of our own Ames family. We will miss her and her many contributions."



Devajit Bhuyan completed his B.E. in Electrical Engineering from Assam Engineering College during the year 1984 and later did Diplomas in Industrial Management from ICS, Mumbai, and in Management from Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) and L.L.B. from Gauhati University. A life member of the Institution of Engineers (India) and North East India Education Society (NEIES), the author has contributed more than 100 papers/articles in various newspapers like *The Assam Tribune*, *The North East Times*, *The Sentinel*, *The Oil Field Times*, *NAFEN Digest*,

*Employment Counsellor and Career Guide*, *Asomiya Pratidin*, *Amar Asom*, *Guwahati Diary* and various other Journals. He has also conducted and participated in more than twenty seminars/workshops on career guidance for students at different educational institutions.

With four published books, including two poetry books published by Spectrum Publications, and the best seller "Multiple Career Choices" Devajit Bhuyan also contributes a popular Sunday column 'Career Queries'. A Chartered Engineer by profession, the author is also the founder and present Chairman of the NGO, Assam Institute of Career Studies and Career Development (AICARD™) dedicated for the welfare of new generation youths.

Simultaneously with this book is being released a book on Simple Morals & Some Science by Devajit Bhuyan entitled *The Big Bang to Bill Gates*.

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