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Subject: Heartfelt condolences

Dear Dr. Soumya,

Please accept my heartfelt condolences on the loss of your father.

When you had mentioned that your father was unwell, I did not realize the precarious condition of his health. I offer my sincere apologies for disturbing you when you were going through such difficult times. The news of the demise of Professor Swaminathan came as a shock to me.

I feel privileged to have had the opportunity to learn about the outstanding work that the MSSRF is doing to bring the benefits of science to a large section of society, which had been left out of the reach of such benefits. As I read about all this work, I just kept thinking what a great visionary your father was. A visionary, whose mission in life was driven by immense compassion for the poor, the neglected women farmers, and the malnourished billions around the world. I bow my head in 'pranams' to the great soul.

May you and your sisters find the strength to face this great loss and carry on the legacy of Professor Swaminathan.

With regards,
Archana