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**Subject: Prof MS Swaminathan**

Dear Soumya,

We met at the G20 Health Working Group meeting in Thiruvananthapuram in January this year and I told you about the immense influence Prof Swaminathan has had on my career. You encouraged me to reconnect with him since I had not been in touch since the COVID-19 pandemic. I did write, not knowing if he would respond, and I am so glad that I did.

I am one of the many people whose lives have been transformed as he invited us to bask in his aura of knowledge, wisdom, and affection. I will always remember him fondly and can only hope that I can be a fraction of what he was to so many of us.

Please accept my condolences on his passing and convey these to your mother and to your family.

Please also let me know if there is any memorial planned for people like us overseas.

With regards and prayers,

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