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Dear Dr. Soumya,

I learnt about the sad demise of your father through news channels and then read about his immense contributions through newspapers, particularly The Hindu. We all know him as the father of the green revolution for our country. But I remember him also as one who contributed to develop the idea and the national programme for leprosy eradication. I was fortunate to have met him in those days and had occasions to discuss this programme. These were the days when we introduced rifampicin in the treatment for leprosy, which eventually helped us to launch the MDT. I hope we would be lucky to see his dream fulfilled in years to come.

I offer my sincere condolences.

Yours sincerely,

Mohan Gupte

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