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Subject: Nation's loss

Dear Dr Soumya,

Millions of agricultural fraternity members across the world are grieving the loss of the most important Intellectual Property of the nation this morning. Professor will be missed for the gentleness with which he remembered and greeted everyone who met him.

I will cherish my memories of little time spent with him, particularly in December 2021 when I presented him with the two roses named after him.

While the nation grieves, the loss to the family can just not be described in words. My wife Malavika joins me and all the agriculture scientific community in condoling the loss of the great visionary leader and more than anything, a great human being