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Subject: Very sad & shocking

Dear Dr. Soumya, Nitya & Madhura,

We all shocked to hear regarding demise of Dr Swaminathan this morning. He taught me Genetics & Plant Breeding since I taken entry in IARI way back in 1966. He was my beloved teacher, guide & helped me during long journey of five decades & also written foreward of my book in 2016 at Soumya's Delhi residence.

It's a great loss to me & my family alongwith you all to lose him who has great role of torchbearer in lives me & many more. May his soul rest in peace and give courage to you all.

Om shanti. 🌸🙏🙏🙏

Yours Sincerely,

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