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Subject: Deep-felt condolences.

Madame,

I just can't digest the devastating news that our beloved Professor and the architect of India's Green Revolution is no more. Alas, God has been so unkind to have taken away his precious life. I can not express my profound words of despair on this inevitable development. No doubt he has not been keeping well recently, but with the excellent medical care at your doorsteps, I anticipate that he will live at least up to 100 !!!

What can not be ensured has to be endured but my thought goes back to the late 1960s when I got introduced to him in AC & RI, Coimbatore (TNAU) as a Ph.D. student and then our association went sky-bound and there are many many instances which I can enumerate for years. A few years back, I had sent to Professor an (4page)anecdote "Down the memory Lane" and shall repeat the same to you after a few days i.e., I will have to retrieve it from my mail-box. Time is limited for you to read a lengthy email at this hour and I will write to you a bit later in detail. With such an illustrious trio of very well recognised daughters and the kin alike, all of us miss him very badly. I feel like I lost an arm today !!

At this point of time, I only wish the departed soul to REST IN PEACE.

WITH PROFOUND FEELINGS OF DESPAIR.

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