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To: Swami-MSSRF

Subject:

Dear Saumya ji, Madhuraji and Nitya ji,

The sad news of Dr. Swaminathan's departure for his heavenly abode reached our mountains too. He was a great scientist, visionary and fine human being. In 1976 when he came to our university to deliver a Convocation Lecture we came in contact with him. After that he came to Almora and Chamoli/Tehri in Chipko camps. Two among you also accompanied him. With Chandi Prasad ji and Dr. Virendra Kumar we were able to meet him a few times. He was one of the advisors of Pahar and took keen interest in Himalayan issues also. He took much interest in Himalayan agriculture and elevated Vivekanand Krishi Anusandhanshala at Almora. He preserved the paintings of American painter Earl Henry Brewster (1878–1957) in Krishi Bhawan and elsewhere. He was among the best supporters of the Chipko Movement. He inspired scientists at MSSRF to work on Himalayan issues including agriculture. Vineeta Hoon's work 'Living on the Move' is one example.

I salute him. Will always remember him as an inspiration.

I express my condolences.

Regards,

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We salute him

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