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Dear Dr Nitya

I was shocked to receive the news that Professor is no more. Over the night and early hours of my time, many in my family and several friends wrote me about the jewels adding own tributes. For he was a person with that kind of impact even on people who had not met him ever. Jayashree and I are in grief. He was my mentor and my guide at a critical stage in my life and career. As my work supervisor he inculcated in me great values of empathy and consideration for everyone irrespective of standing and gender. He was absolutely unique among the gifted scientists of the world by remaining an extremely fine person to approach. I don't have adequate words to express my grief and it may be a really longtime for me to reconcile to the fact that he is no more. For I consult his ideas in his books and writings to this day frequently while thinking of issues of society, technology and diffusion of good practices.

I cannot even imagine what a great loss this is to you all in the family. Please convey my condolences to Dr Soumya, Dr Madhura and other members of the family.

Balaji