Dear Fraternal Brothers and Sisters,

Salutation,

With The untimely death of our dear teacher that great man we became orphaned in our profession, a rudder less ship in the vast ocean of stiff competition, Prof. Shaheer was my teacher when I joined SPA in 1979 when Prof Jaswant Rai was the head of the department, I was one of the low performing students with minimum intellectual dispensations with all the negative qualities like poor communication skills etc. Immediately after my admission into Landscape course, I lost my father, which added to my mental stress, Prof. Shaheer was, as we all know a very, very strict teacher a tuff, no-nonsense man, but a large heart , a very, very kind person of immense compassion. In trying hours he stood by me comforting me as a kind Mother, he is not only a teacher to me but also a compassionate mother, When I met this great teacher after a span of 29 years in 2011 in Delhi, I asked him "Sir can you recognize me, I was your student in 79-81, " he stared at me for brief moment and said "Are you not Vishwanathan" believe me it was one of those blessed moments in my life, a teacher remembering his very old students name after 29 years, and I prostrated in front of him in the presence of all the VIPs who were there at that time, May the tribe of such great teachers glorify our profession in the future, with reverential salutation to my eternal Guru,

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