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## My intimate classmate

I deeply condole the demise of Mr. M.G.George Muthoot, my dear classmate and friend. We were studying together at Manipal Engineering College, Manipal from 1965 to 1971- presently a unit of Manipal Academy of Higher Education- an "Institution of Eminence". He was very quiet and amiable, mixing joyfully with all our classmates. In 2015, he was awarded Distinguished Alumni Award by Manipal University. In 2018, he organised an Alumni Meet of his engineering classmates including me in Kerala. We were his guests for 4 days and he and Sara Muthoot took personal interest in our accommodation, reception and travelling with us in the same bus. When his office was in Barakhamba Road in New Delhi, we were staying in the same building and I was meeting him almost every day.

He was a dreamer with a vision of a bright future for India with community happiness and contentment. Over a period, he was able to build Muthoot (M.G. Group) into a big Gold Company which became a household name in India.

Very few people can see their dream come true in their lifetime. Mr. George was an exception and helped thousands of people in getting over financial problems through Muthoot Group. Very few millionaires can mix with friends and staff. George was a down to earth man. During Corona time he used to telephone me and his classmates regarding immunity improvement against Corona and which Ayurvedic Medicine must be used.

In short M.G. George made himself immortal with his visionary work. I pray God to grant eternal peace to the departed soul and spiritual strength to his family members to bear the tragic loss with fortitude.

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