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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear students,

It is indeed a great pleasure to welcome you all in this esteemed institution for the academic year.

I request all the students to take correct precautions and be careful. I believe we all will bounce back from this pandemic and will come out victoriously.

Being the principal of a prestigious institution, I contemplate it as a privilege to help students to realize their dream of a higher education.

I wish alumni association my heartfelt congratulations and I hope this association will help in the growth of the students apart from just academics.

We are aware that the COVID-19 (coronavirus) situation makes for an anxious time for many, especially those who have pre-existing health conditions, family members in high-risk groups, or friends.

I convey my best wishes to all the students, who by seeking admission in this institution will groom themselves stronger to face the challenges of tomorrow and will add a novel petal to the glory of the college.

Dr.Sangita Yawale



We would like to wish you all

*Happy 74th
Independence Day*

& we pray for the well being of our country.

On the 15TH of August 2020 this year India will complete 73 years of independence. Due to the ongoing COVID 19 pandemic the Ministry of Home Affairs has issued guidelines for the citizens to celebrate Independence Day. The Ministry has also directed all the states and government offices to webcast their events and programs instead of conducting social gatherings.

*Shikhwa naa karenge
Gila naa karenge
Mit jayenge par
Teri hasti na mitne denge*

*Aae lakte jigar
Jaane bahaar
Teri aawaz par daudhe chale aayenge*

*Mansuve tujhe se alag karne ke
Poore naa hone denge
Pi lenge kayi aasu ke ghooth
Par tujhe se juda naa jee payenge*

*Aae gulzaare watan
Gulshane Hindustan
Tu rahe Amar sada sada
Hota rahe harr janam mera yaha*

UNIVERSITY NEWS

THE FIRST HBSU IN STATE OF MAHARASHTRA

The Government of Maharashtra has established the **Dr. Homi Bhabha State University, as a Cluster University**, with the Institute of Science, Mumbai; Elphinstone College, Mumbai; Sydenham College, Mumbai; and Secondary Training College, Mumbai, as the Constituent Colleges. The Institute of Science, Mumbai is the **Lead Institute** of the University. The University is an independent degree granting entity with its own Rules and Regulations. This is the first University of its kind in the State of Maharashtra. It will generate contemporary and relevant infrastructure and provide undergraduate and post-graduate programmes in diverse disciplines under **choice based credit system (CBCS)**.

Some of the special features of this university are:

-All the colleges are elite colleges, are in existence for a long time, and with heritage mark.

-The colleges are Government Colleges and hence the fee structure will be regulated and reasonable.

-The students can opt for skill based courses.

-The students can avail the expertise and facilities of the colleges in the cluster.

-The assessment of the students will be through continuous and end semester examinations.

-Enrichment lectures by outside experts will be arranged.

-Selected students can do internship and projects.

-Placement and training facilities will be provided.

“Forming its own University will enable the College to introduce several industry connect and upto date programs which would make the students Job Able and Entrepreneurs. Wish the College the very best regards.

Our alumni CA. Shri Pandit Snehal Muzoomdar's take on Sydenham forming a cluster University

“Sydenham College and three more Government colleges are being upgraded to Dr. Homi Bhabha University is a welcome step as it will help the university to introduce much more relevant courses which will develop students not merely as job seekers but also as entrepreneurs.



Our alumni Mr. Rajiv Podar's take on Sydenham forming a cluster university



OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES

Congratulations!

Results Session 2019-20

SYDENHAM CLASS OF 2020

Congratulations to all the Sydenhamites of the Graduating Class of 2020!

The passing percentage of Sydenham college for the year 2020 is 98.57%

We applaud the efforts and determination of each one of our dear Sydenhamites during their Examinations.

Sydenhamites, we salute your consistent effort as well as the constant support provided to you by your educators and parents. Your endeavour throughout these years has prepared you for a bright future.

Your Alma Mater wishes you fair winds and following seas ahead!





Mr. Framroze Mehta President of the Rotary club of Bombay

“ My years in Sydenham were some of the happiest days of my life – carefree, joyous, and exciting in many ways too. Classes were a bit dreary, but the faculty was quite professional.

The corridors and canteen were where the “cool” guys did their thing – and that’s where you would find me! Coming from an all-boys school and making new friends – especially with the “fairer sex” – was invigorating, to say the least.

It was also the time to sit behind the wheel of a car and take off at any time to destinations in and around then Bombay. Life was easy going, with little responsibility and the lack of maturity was so obvious.

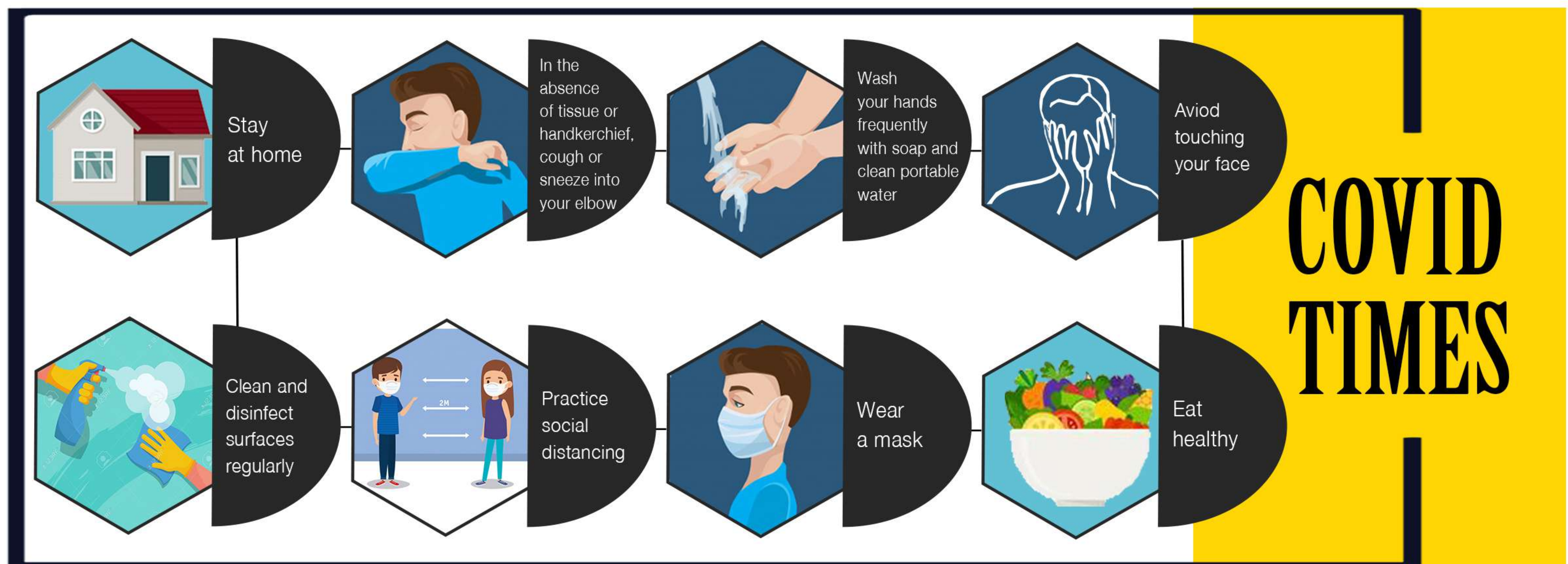
But once out of Sydenham, reality hit me like a freight train thundering down the track of life! I was fortunate to join the family business – Pheroze Framroze & Co. – dealers in foreign currencies. Whilst it sounds exotic, it was hard work, long hours and learning to work with government and quasi government authorities, as also with employees from all walks of life. Fortunately, being an easy going fella, I understood very early that Industrial Relations (IR) was a much more effective tool than Human Resources (HR) Management and that has held me in good stead even today. Most of my employees have been with me for over 15 years, some over 25 years and 1 even close to 60 years. They are the true backbone for my success in business.

Besides the foreign exchange firm, I run a travel agency, Holidays@Leisure, a travel agency specialising in tailor made leisure travel for families and friends. As an entrepreneur, I also have major interests in the distribution and retail of various brands of international and domestic Liquors and in a boutique hotel in the religious town of Shirdi.

On the family front, my wife, Zarina, a homoeopath prescribes this wonderful stream of medicine to family and friends and for many pets too. You will be surprised to note how well homoeopathy works on animals. I am also blessed with 3 sons - Pheroze who is an advocate at the Bombay High Court, Rohaan who has just completed his Doctorate in Clinical Psychology and Zahan who is currently doing his Masters in the Fine Arts.

While work takes up an integral part of my daily routine, I firmly believe that giving back to society is everyone’s responsibility and I have found the perfect platform from where I can ensure that my time, treasure and talent is put to good use and for the benefit of those that need it the most. My journey with the Rotary Club of Bombay began in July 2002 and has afforded me ample opportunities to work with wonderful and like-minded people, who I now call friends, to alleviate the suffering of so many that do not have the same advantages and most of us do. My work with Rotary has rewarded me both emotionally and spiritually and I thank my colleagues there for electing me as the current President of the Rotary Club of Bombay.

The “art of giving” or the “will to serve” show the strength and character of the human race and I believe that these characteristics can be honed at an early stage in life. I am happy and proud to note that Sydenham will shortly be founding the Rotaract Club of Sydenham College under the aegis of the Rotary Club of Bombay. I look forward to the students of Sydenham making a huge difference in the world, because of the all-round education meted out by this stoic institution and because the values that Sydenham brings forth in all who have walked its hallowed halls.



COVID TIMES

The COVID 19 pandemic is an ongoing global pandemic of coronavirus disease 2019, caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2(SARS-CoV-2)

This virus spreads between people in close contact mostly via small droplets which are produced by coughing, sneezing or talking and also spreads when people touch contaminated surfaces and then touch their face. The symptoms include fever, cough, fatigue, shortness of breath and loss of smell and taste. Sometimes complications include pneumonia and acute respiratory distress syndrome.

Some preventive measures that individuals can take include washing your hands regularly, wearing a face mask while stepping out of your house, maintaining social distancing at all times, and disinfecting surfaces.

The first coronavirus case was identified in India on 30th, January in Kerala. After this case, the Indian government issued an advisory for the citizens. The government decided to impose a complete nationwide lockdown of all non essential goods, services and activities. During the entire cycle of the lockdown the entire economy was on a standstill. This led to huge financial losses to various businesses and it drastically impacted the GDP of India.

But the lockdown has hit the daily wage earners, migrant workers and casual laborers the hardest. This section faced many challenges as for them, no work meant no bread. Many of them who had come to metropolitan cities in the search of work decided to return back to their home towns and the inadequacy of transport facilities made most of them walk on foot.

The pandemic also has an impact on students across the country and has had a major impact on education and examinations. While most exams have been postponed and many cancelled, in most cases students have been promoted to the next class. Also most schools and colleges have switched to online teaching and tests and are thus coming up with new alternatives to combat the crisis.

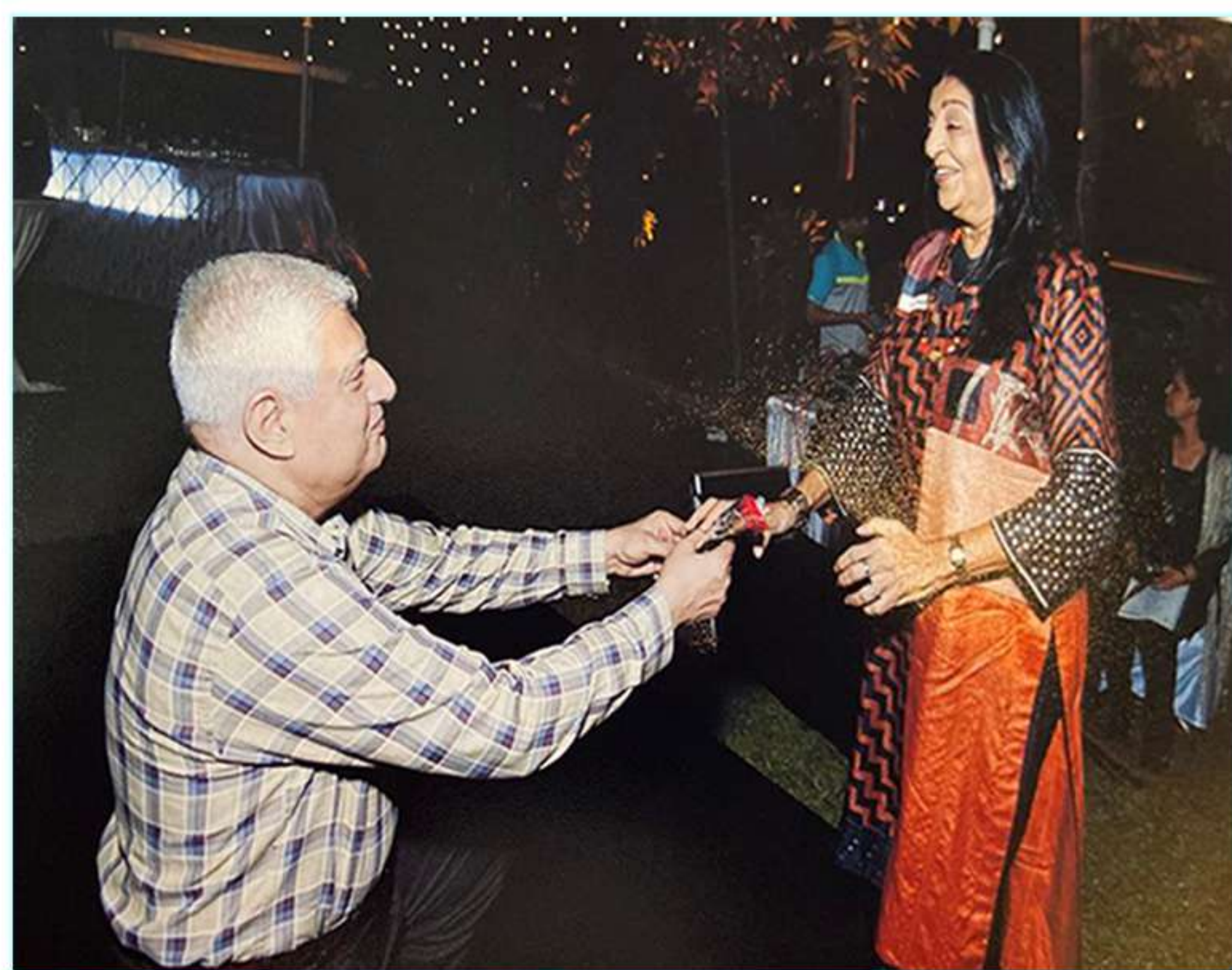
Most importantly we have understood the need for developing a stronger health infrastructure as the need of the hour. We have also learned to ensure the net safety of the vulnerable sections of the society. This pandemic has been an eye opener for every individual that we need to change our way of living.

In the Sydenham College for Commerce and Economics, the examinations that were scheduled in March and April were cancelled. The students of First year and Second year have been promoted to the next class. Also, the admission process has started online.

Nevertheless, the COVID 19 pandemic has taught us many lessons and has also brought about some positive changes. Due to closure of the entire economy this period has led to nature regenerating. Also the lockdown has made us shift towards the virtual culture and consider working online as an alternative. This period has given us abundant time to introspect, build our skill sets and learn something new.

The 50 years reunion of the Class of 1970

On March 1, 2020, the Students of the Sydenham batch of 1970 had a Reunion on the lawns of The Cabbage Patch at the prestigious Willingdon Club in Mumbai. Before the celebrations started, the Alumni visited the college to try and re live the memories of our college days. We had fellow students from Dubai, UK and Australia in attendance. Besides the customary welcome address, special gifts of roses were presented to the ladies, and it was indeed a special day for three of them who celebrated their birthdays. So we had the luxury of three cakes for the birthday girls.



A photo booth attracted all attendees and their spouses, and we now have some wonderful photographs in our collection to remind us of the special event. We met each other like it was only the other day that we left college and the discussions hovered around the pranks, our professors and some memorable recollections.

Some of us have grey beards, some have bald tops, some have rounded tummies, and the ladies still look lovely.

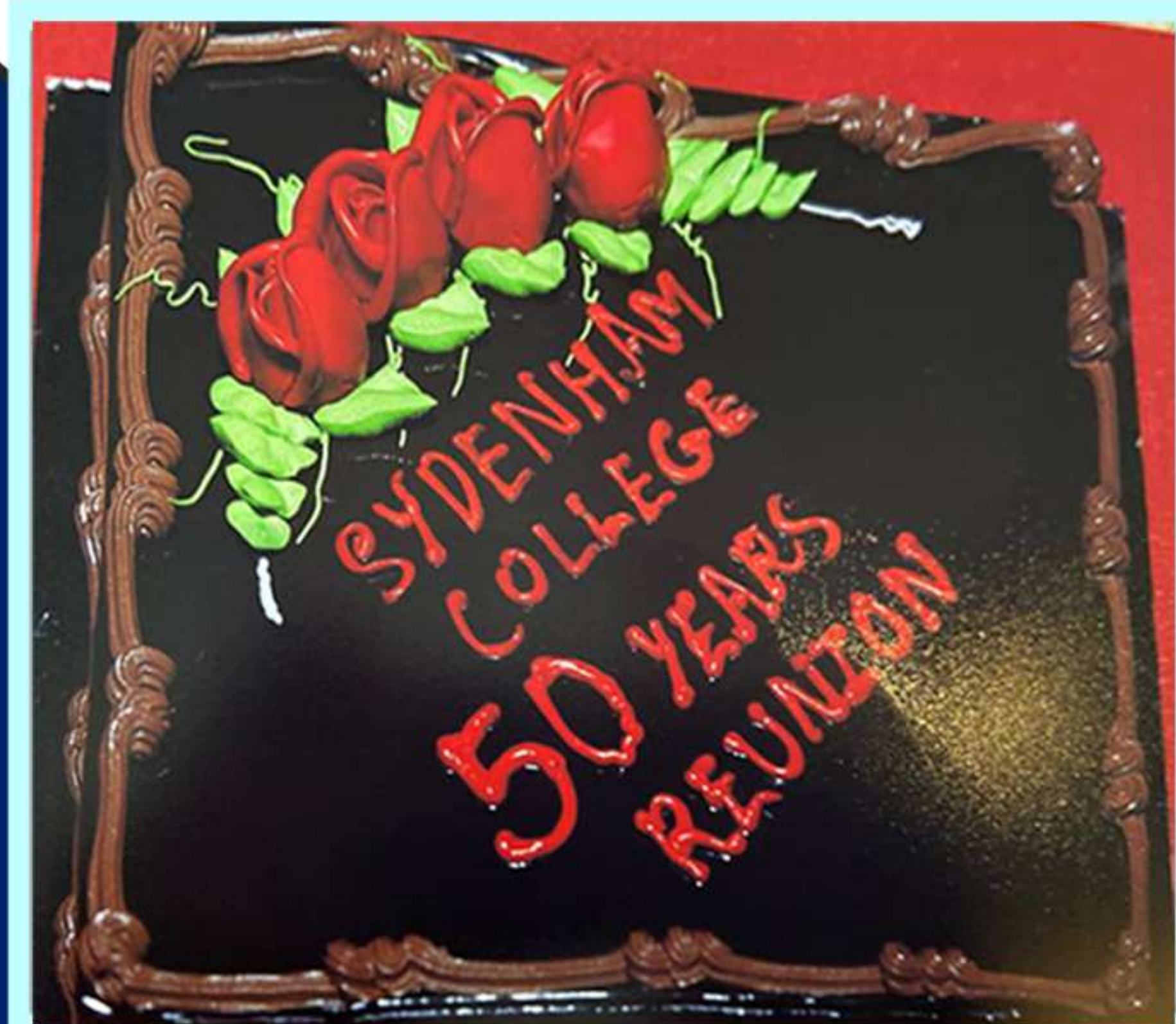
Dilip Piramal and Ramesh Kejriwal donated gifts to all attendees and we published a souvenir of the event, with photographs and contact details of our Alumni. The atmosphere was electric and we wished and hoped that the evening would last for ever. The drinks were inviting and numerous cocktails were consumed.

The Willingdon Club laid out a delicious spread and there was not much talk when the dinner was served. We had a live band playing Retro music of the 60's and 70's. Abbas Arsiwala was the compère and Shyam Kotak reminded us of his special moments in college. Amita Parekh, Nini Kothari, and Naina Kamani organised the live music, Food, and the photographs. All in all, the

Reunion of the Class of 1970 was extraordinary, and we have promised to hold another reunion soon.

The Organising Committee needs to be complemented for a job well done. We had 100 of our friends from 1970 along with spouses and it was surely a big fat Indian reunion. Till we meet next.....

Ajit Lalvani



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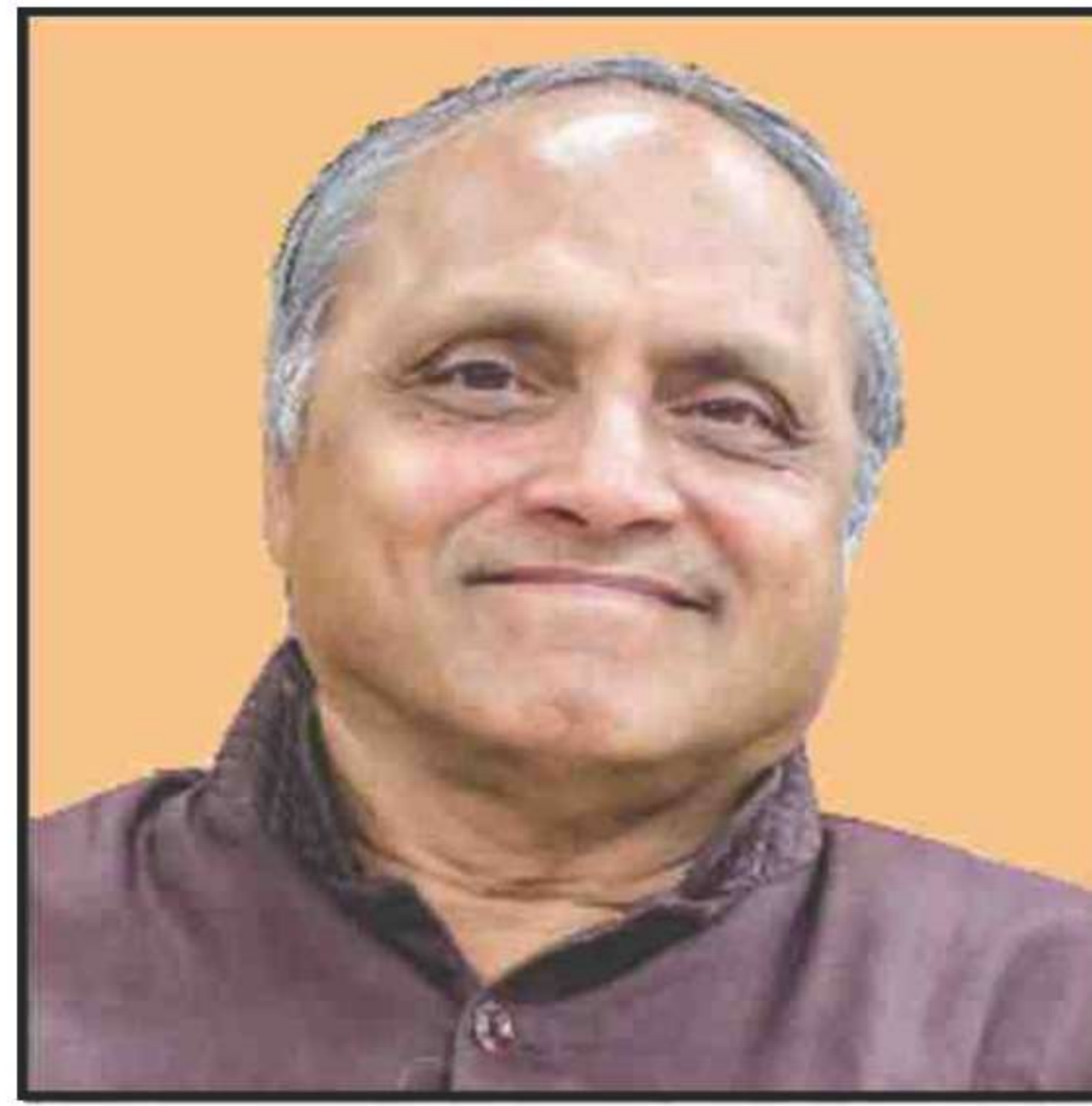
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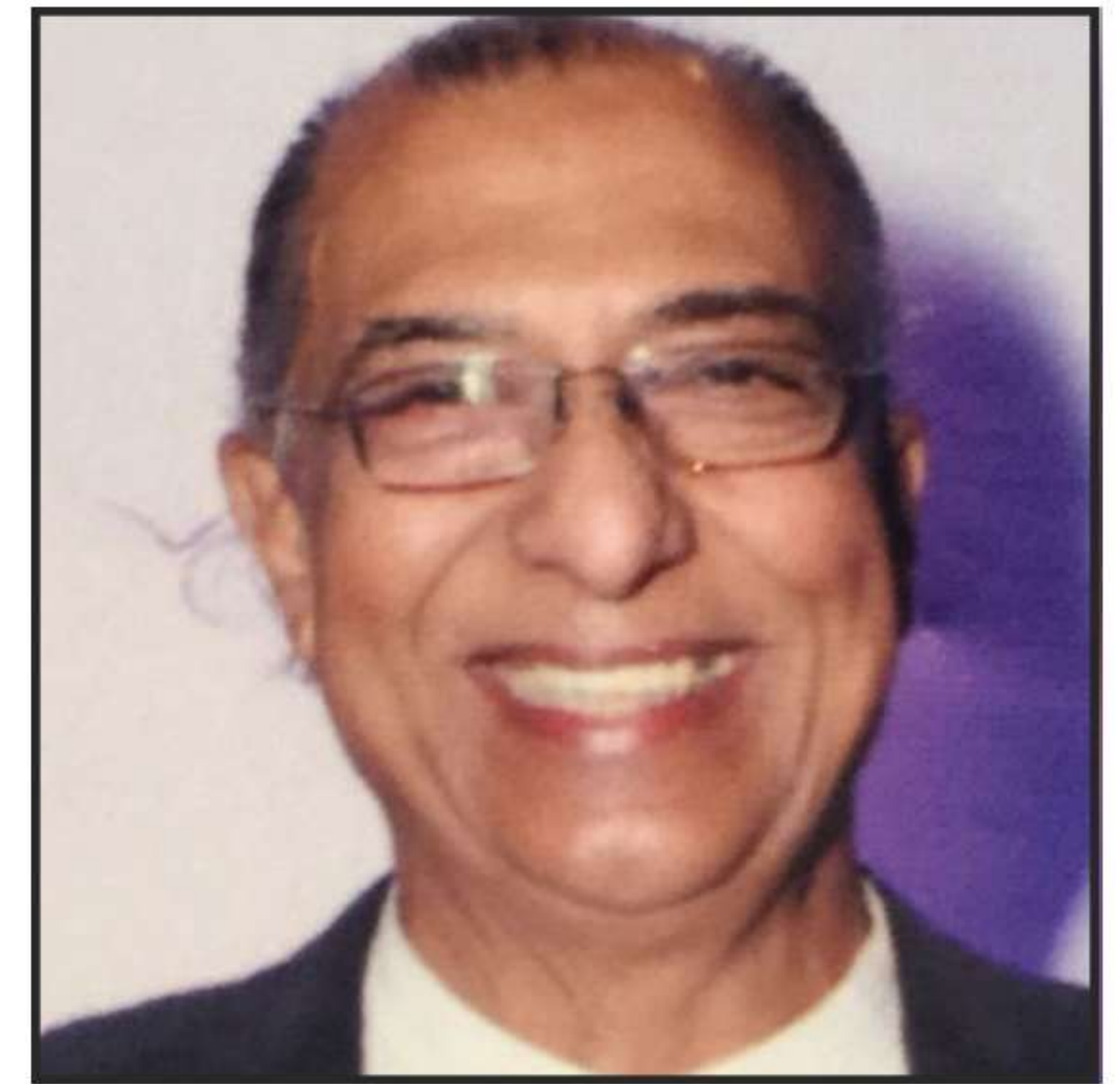
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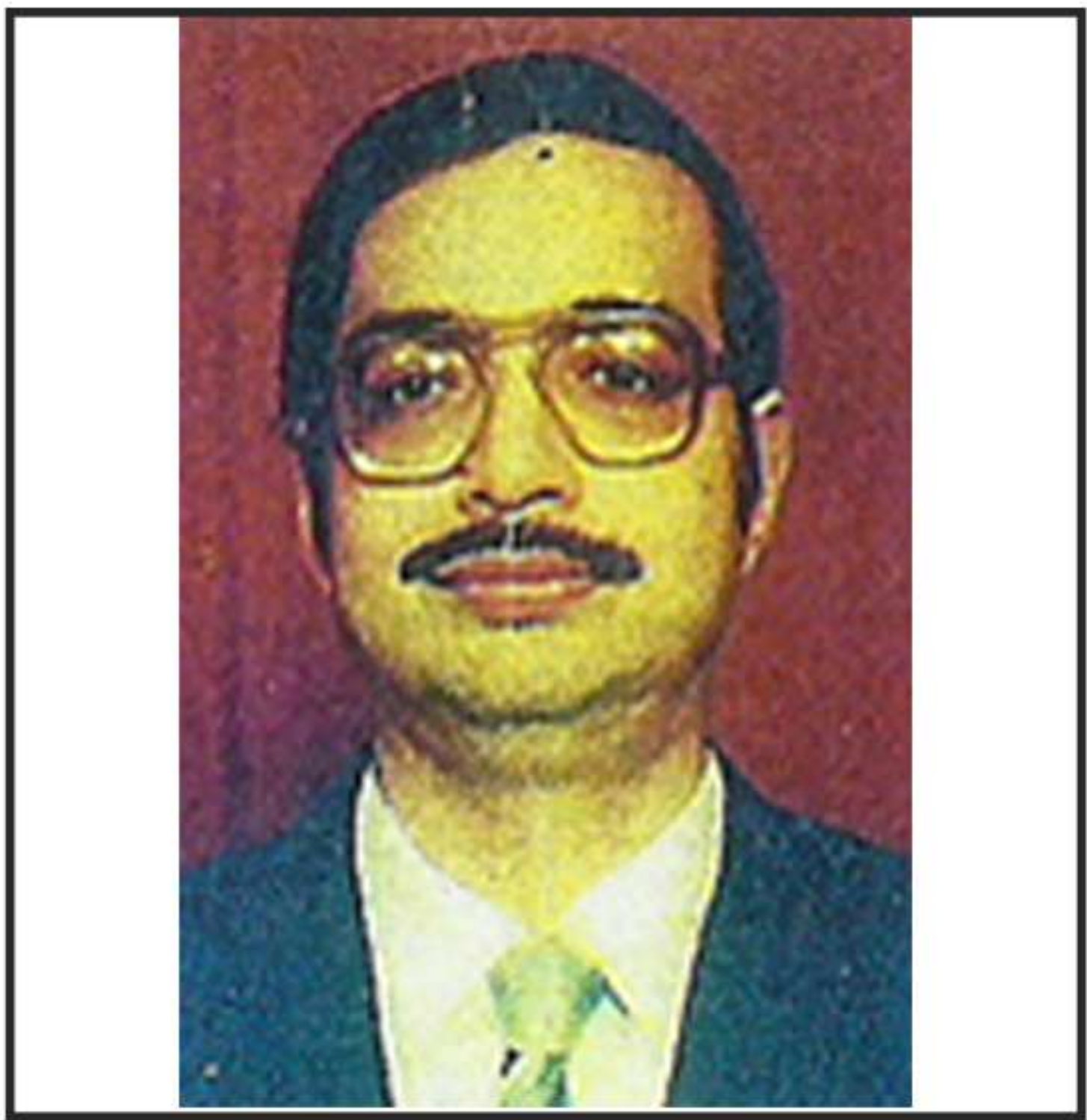
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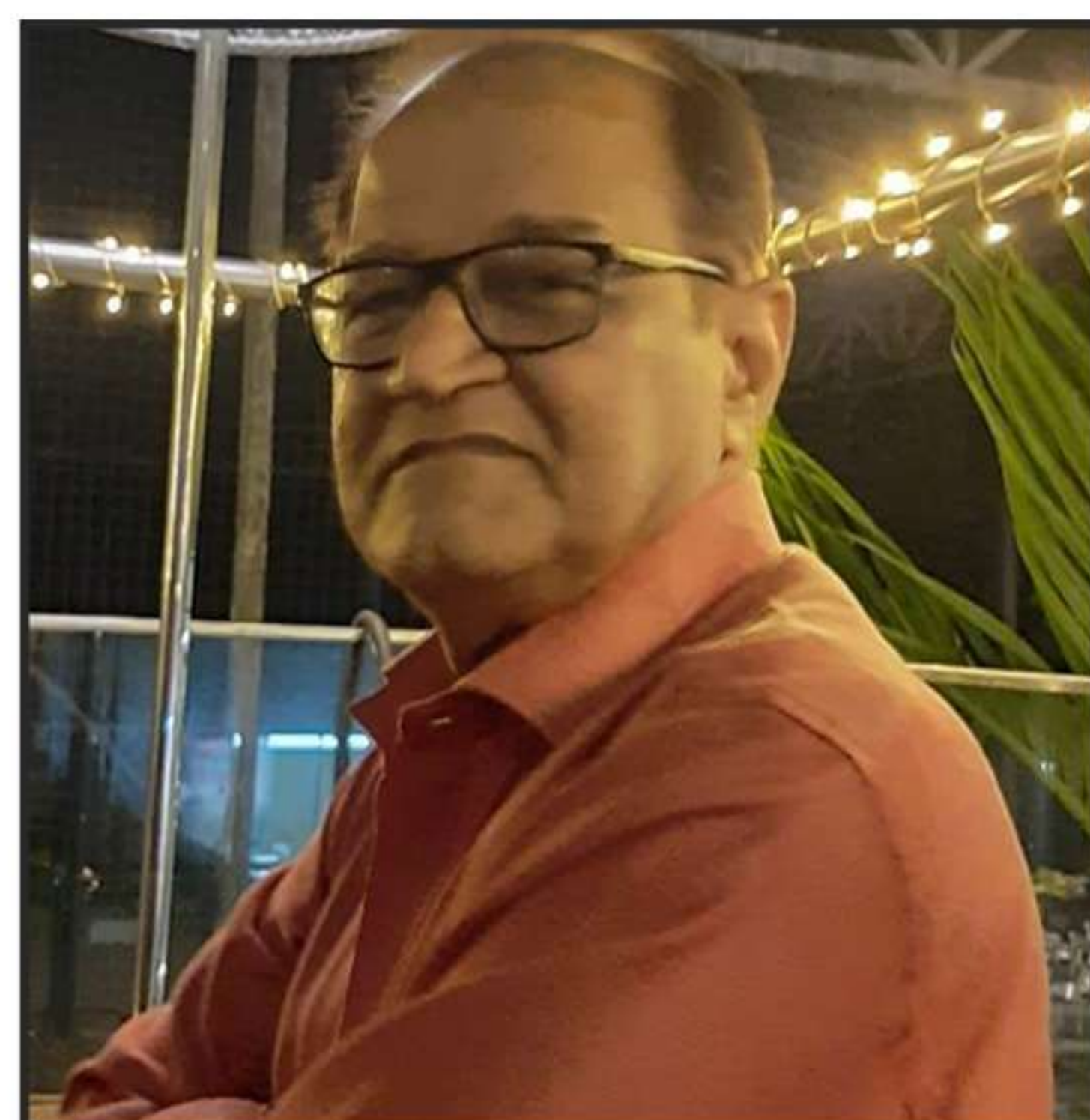
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