

Editorial

This issue of the Journal is dedicated to the memory of Professor Rushikesh M Maru, a friend, a colleague, a member of our Editorial Board and the Director of the Indian Institute of Health Management Research, Jaipur with which the University of North Carolina collaborates in running the Executive Program in Health and Population for Developing Countries.

On April 23 evening, Rushi (name he liked to be called by) suffered a massive heart attack and passed away, leaving many in a state of shock and trauma : his family, his Institute, his co-workers and friends worldwide. It was a totally unexpected and untimely death which caught everybody unprepared.

The loss is so great because of who he was. A political scientist by training, an academician by trade, his real avocation was development of individuals, institutions and ideas. He had an uncanny knack of discovering and bringing out the positive in people and situations, and then building upon this positive.

He was a master of the art of living by balancing his many roles and interests well : job and family, work and pleasure, scholarship and pragmatism, power and humanism, building and maintenance, nationalism and internationalism, Eastern values and Western scientific rigor — the list can go on and on. He lived with zest, he laughed loudly, and slept soundly.

He was a man of many sides. An accomplished singer, an amateur actor, an inspired debater, a patron of arts and a student of cultures, languages and history. Proactive by nature, he involved himself with many causes, readily took responsibilities and delivered.

He will be missed.

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