



Years ago in mid 80's I had just completed my Post graduation from TISS & was trying to find a niche area for myself, when Anna - my father in law, mentioned a name which I had heard, revered & respected as a student in the field of Human Resource & Management. This was none other than 'Dr. N.H. Atthreya'. We all went to his office in Churchgate, he spoke to me, enquired about my goals in life & why I choose the field of HR? This set me thinking, something I had not really thought about. From here, began my journey as a trainer in HR. Appa that day you inspired me to think & think I did, I went back & joined MMC School of Management as a trainee.

I began my first independent training assignment with you at MTNL, only because I knew Marathi & from this there has been no looking back. I can still vividly remember the day when I wore a Synthetic saree instead of criticising, screaming or blaming you just smiled & said "Savitri you would create a better picture if you choose cottons or silks", I have done just that.

I can very proudly say that whatever success I have achieved, in this totally male dominated field of HR training & consultancy, is all because of your guidance, networking & above all being there, when you were most wanted I OWE IT ALL TO YOU DEAR APPA, PLEASE ACCEPT MY SINCERE PRANAMAS FOR BEING A WONDERFUL 'GURU', FRIEND & PHILOSOPHER.

My family is also blessed by your presence at all times of celebration & sorrow, you, late mami & Usha have been our strength, whenever we have needed advise, someone to listen or just plain spend an evening with, none of us have hesitated to call upon you.

My inlaws especially Aie, my mother-in-law really misses mami, as she always found some reason, religious or social to pick up the phone to invite mami or get her self invited to be with her.

Satish - my husband has found in you, a very caring loving & above all supporting friend whom he looks up to & knows will get varied options from. Not only this he shares with you a liking for 'Moong Shira' but with only one difference which is you eat with moderation while he overeats. Further he never hesitates to invite himself for a good meal to your place.

My daughters Nandita & Namrata are infact your ardent fans. You have been a 'guru' to my next generation as well & the fruits of which you have seen in their being successful.

DEAR APPA the Kulkarnis from Sion wish you a very happy birthday & Pray Lord that you give us many more such occasions for celebration in future as well.

Pranamas, regards & love

**KULKARNIS - M.K., Prema, Satish, Savitri (the writer), Kanhaiya, Kalindi, Nandita, Namrata, Mayur and Akshata.**