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Dear Dr. Balachandra,

It gives me great pleasure to learn that the Indian Institute of Science plans to celebrate Amulya's 75th birthday by honoring him with a seminar to felicitate his accomplishments over the last several decades. I have known Amulya for only a few of them, but he has been a source of inspiration for my own research on energy, and the pursuit of its efficient use in the developing world. His dedication to the uplift of rural dwellers was what first attracted me to his empirical research. I was fortunate enough to be able to visit Pura village, and witnessed his adroit scheme for securing biomass energy for the provision of water supply that matched the needs of the rural poor. It was inspirational, and provided an emotional source of strength to the visitors, and later on for my own work on energy use in the developing world.

Amulya has consistently adhered to being a person of sincere and honorable repute, and has been rock steady in his beliefs, which many of us can only aspire to achieve. His ability to encapsulate complex ideas into simple statements and acronyms have always made it easy for us to remember his insightful messages. INTAACT (information, training, analysis, advocacy, and action) was one such acronym that still governs the many activities that I pursue today. If I may be so bold to suggest a motto that he did not formulate, but which does encapsulate his message in my mind -- Helping humanity through research, analysis, information, and teaching (HHTRAIT). Dreadful acronym, but I am hoping that Amulya can help us out with a better one.

Wishing Amulya the best on this joyous occasion.

Sincerely,

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Leader, International Energy Studies Group