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भारत गणतंत्र
PRESIDENT
REPUBLIC OF INDIA

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Dear Naveen Patnaikji,

I am saddened to learn about the passing away of your mother, Smt. Gyan Patnaik.

Smt. Gyan Patnaik was a woman of substance who had a will of steel. In a time when women were still struggling to gain widespread acceptance in society, to take up careers, she ventured into a career full of adventure, by training to become a pilot. She was also aware of the need to popularize science and using it for the upliftment of society, which she did through the Kalinga Foundation.

Please accept my heartfelt condolences and convey them to the rest of the members of your family.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Pratibha Devisingh Patil)

Shri Naveen Patnaik
Chief Minister of Orissa
Bhubaneswar

