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Dear Nanik,

I was delighted to learn that your friends like me would be shortly seeing your biography in print. You are so honest and transparent that the book would not contain any surprises.

I still recall our first meeting in early 1986, when you were outlining your plans for Riyadarbhini and your frustration at every stage of its formation. You felt people talk nice and don't do anything whereas you first do and talk about it later.

It was my proud privilege to share your dreams and plans about the Academy. You have been over generous with your thanks & praises for your friends & associates, who may have played a humble part. Of course, Riyadarbhini was ~~your~~ one of ~~the~~ your projects and you yourself would not have visualised how a basement effort would result into an

international giant nor would you -
so modest you are - accept that it was
almost a one man army who could
because of sheer efforts, methodical
follow up and persistence, which was
becoming bigger and bigger by attracting
not only politicians but a large number
of administrators, businessmen, authors
and artists from ~~the~~ every walk of
Mumbai's social, political and
commercial firmament.

What I wrote above refers
to your public life. But in private
life I found you as a sincere
and dependable friend who would
respond and do his best to help.

Keep up the good work
for which God is bound to give
you a long, healthy life not
only for you but for your family,

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,
Kahn