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Dear Staff and Members of CAPS and the family members of Air Commodore Jasjit Singh,

It took some time to recover from the sad and shoking news of the demise of one of the eminent son of India. It is rare to find an individual being a military person, strategic thinker, able diplomat, academic, writer, institution builder and an intellectual. (I am true to each of these words and this is not a casual and usual obituary reference). No wonder that he is highly respected in the World academy of Art & Science.

My association with Jasjit saheb goes many years. I have seen him build up CAPS, assiduously. We had discussed a few projects with CAPS as the Centre for many Crucial strategic studies. It is frustrating for me to see how little India has utilised such great and unique person's capabilities. But Jasjit saheb did not allow such slowness to come in his way of attempting several new initiatives.

Even during the end of July when we were discussing telephonically some items, his visit to Bangalore etc., he elaborated on a number of plans we could attempt between CAPS, NIAS, ISRO etc.,

But Destiny has its own ways. This is probably the time when his knowledge and skills are most needed for India. When Middle-East is in boil; Europe losing its vitality; Japan struggling to put a stop to an over-a-decade of slow down and stagnation; India's neighbourhood posing several challenges; India's own governance and economy with serious problems; China asserting itself on every sphere; and so on.

But Jasjit Saheb has built up CAPS and several other excellent networks; above all many people into whom he breathed his own knowledge and skills as well as practical thinking. I am sure all of them will pool together at this time to take ahead India. My best wishes to all of them.

For the family, it is a void that is not easy to fill up. But Jasjit saheb's greater vision rolling out in India will give them some solace.

With kind regards and respects,

Yours sincerely,

(Y S Rajan)

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