

Dear Respected Sheikha Hussa,

I cannot adequately express in words, my extreme sadness at the passing of Sheikh Nasser.

He single-handedly saved an entire art-form with his interest in collecting Indian jewellery and changed the perception of an entire generation of scholars. To me, he has been a source of great respect, admiration and humility.

I owe him and his vision in seeing the enduring beauty in jewels so much for my own abiding interest and study and documentation of this great art tradition. His love for art and his great collection will live on in all our collective memories.

May his soul rest in peace and I pray to God to give him eternal rest.

Warm regards,

Usha Balakrishnan