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VICE-PRESIDENT OF INDIA

**MESSAGE**

I am deeply grieved to learn about the sad demise of Shri K.M.Mathew a doyen of the Indian press fraternity and who played a key role in making Malayala Manorama one of the major dailies in the country after he became its Chief Editor in 1973.

Shri Mathew had a glorious record of service to the country and the Press He will be remembered for his commitment to the cause of excellence in journalism and for his contributions to promoting the freedom of the press. He had distinguished tenures as Chairman of the Press Trust of India, President of the Newspaper Society of India, and as member of the Press Council of India. In his death the country, particularly the state of Kerala, has lost a dynamic and visionary journalist.

My wife joins me in sending our heartfelt condolences to the members of the bereaved family and the wide circle of his admirers and friends and pray to the Almighty to give them the strength to withstand this loss.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'M. Hamid Ansari', is written above the printed name.

(M. HAMID ANSARI)

New Delhi  
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