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Dear Colleagues and Friends from the Travel Industry,

With deep sorrow we inform you of the sudden death of our colleague, Poyyamozhi, on 16 Feb at 1130 PM due to a massive heart attack at his residence at Valsaravakkam. On hearing the melancholic news, Mr. Karthik from South Tourism immediately organized an ambulance to transfer Poyyamozhi's mortal remains to his native village near Veppur (Ulundurpet). His final rites were performed there around 0430 PM as the clouds broke down too shedding tears of rain.

Some of our senior-most Guides including Kothandapani, Srinivasan, Balachander, Murali (Trichi), Sundaresan, Sudhakar were present along-with many other players from our industry, particularly the drivers, tour operators and handling agents. All of them participated in the final rites and expressed their condolences to the bereaved family. All of them shared their deepest condolences on behalf of all our colleagues and other members from the travel trade to the deeply grieving family. We shall all ever remember Poyyamozhi as a calm, collected, joyous and friendly person.

His wife P. Banumathy with 2 children, Manimozhi (10) and Madhumathi (8), is left to fend for her and the kids, as they were all dependent entirely on his earnings. She has a Bank account in **Indian Bank**, **SB/ AC number 601243930**, **Valsaravakkam**, **Chennai**. The account holder's name is **P. Banumathy**.

We sincerely request all Tour Operators who still have Poyyamozhi's payment pending, for his services rendered, kindly issue the cheques in his wife's favour or remit cash in her account at the earliest. From enquiries we understand that he had submitted most of his bills for the assignments he did, and if any is yet to be submitted, please let us know so we can get the bills ready to be submitted, duly signed by his wife. We also got to understand that his wife is a graduate; she is requesting us to find her a suitable job. We are intending to write to the Ministry of Tourism in this regard. In the meantime, if anyone could find her a suitable place to work in our industry, it will be a great help for the sustenance of the family.

We also request all colleagues, tour operators, handling agents, hoteliers and others players to extend economical support to the grieving family. Please make generous contributions and pay the same into P. Banumathy's Bank account to show our urgent concern and support to our dear colleague and his family's welfare.

With deep condolences,

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