

Awards & Recognitions

The Blue Planet Prize 1996

The Asahi Glass Foundation, Japan

Motorola Gold Award 1999

In recognition of reaching the unreachable through the Hub and Spokes Model

Stockholm Challenge Award 2001

Under Global Village Category

Rio Tinto Alcan 2007

Recognised for training initiatives under IUCN sustainability grant

Jawaharlal Nehru Award for Science Communication 2008

Recognition by the Indian Science Congress Assn

Manthan Award 2011

Digital Empowerment Foundation award for National Virtual Academy initiative in agriculture & livelihoods

National Award for Women's Development through application for Science and Technology 2011

Conferred by DST, Govt

National Ground Water

Augmentation Award 2012

Ministry of Water Resources, Govt, recognition for Illupur watershed in Pudukkottai, Tamil Nadu

Below Sea-level Farming as Globally Important Heritage Site 2013

Kuttanadu recognised by United Nations FAO

m-Billionth Award, South Asia 2014

Digital Empowerment Foundation Award for Farmer-Friend Mobile Application

Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana Award 2015

Bio-industrial watershed project recognised as best practice by Ministry of Rural Development, Govt

Agriculture Leadership Award 2015

Agriculture Today in recognition of using modern science for development, and dissemination of technology to improve vulnerable communities

Odisha Environment Congress

Award 2015

LANSAR recognised for advancement of nutrition

Earth Care Award 2015

For developing an integrated mangrove-fishery farming system and enhancing access to livelihoods in Pichavaram, Tamil Nadu



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M S Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF)

M S Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF) was established in 1988 as a not-for-profit trust. MSSRF was envisioned and founded by Professor M S Swaminathan - agriculture scientist and Magsasay award winner. The Foundation follows a pro-poor, pro-women and pro-nature approach and applies appropriate science and technology options to address practical problems faced by vulnerable populations in agriculture, food and nutrition. MSSRF works in the areas of Natural Resource Management, Biodiversity, Biotechnology, Food, Health, Nutrition and Livelihood Security, also Skill and Capacity Development and modern Communication Technologies.

Our Reach

- 14 States in India
- 5500 Villages
- 6.45 lakh households
- 2.13 lakh ICT users
- 1789 GRIs
- 1272 PBRs
- 1350 Nutrition Gardens



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Biotechnology

Strategic and anticipatory research application of cutting-edge biotechnological tools to improve agriculture productivity and develop socially relevant products from locally adapted natural resources, which help address issues related to environmental degradation and changing climate scenarios



Coastal Systems Research

Integrating ecological protection of coastal areas and livelihood security of coastal communities in a mutual model to achieve sustainable management of coastal resources

Ecotechnology

With a range of technologies, practises and methodologies to promote sustainable rural livelihoods, and focus on contemporary challenges in sustainable agriculture, changing climate and agro-ecological services to support sustainable food systems



Agriculture, Nutrition & Health

Finding sustainable solutions to enhance food, nutrition, and health security of rural and vulnerable communities in biodiversity hotspots using action research on community seed banks, empowerment of women farmers, and leveraging agriculture for nutrition



Biodiversity

Promote sustainable management of agro-biodiversity to enhance household availability, access and consumption of diverse and nutritious food, improve nutrition and health status of vulnerable populations in priority areas, and strengthen resilience to climate risks



OUR WORK

Gender and Grassroots Institutions

Strive to achieve an improved position of women and equitable gender relations in development and collaborative initiatives by mainstreaming and integrating gender while strengthening GRIs across programmes



Climate Change

Primary vision of the climate change programme is to widen the scope of research on climate change and sustainability to a more integrated trans-disciplinary view and promote science-driven, inclusive and integrated solutions