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Dear All,

As you might be aware Dr. M.S. Swaminathan who was a Life member of ISEC passed away on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

Dr. Swaminathan was an Indian agronomist, agricultural scientist, plant geneticist, administrator and humanitarian. Influenced by food insecurity condition of vast tracts of India, he took the profession of agriculture sciences and excelled in the same. He constantly worked to find solutions to India's food insecurity problem in terms of developing high-yielding varieties of rice and wheat suitable to Indian condition. He has been called the main architect of the green revolution in India. Dr. Swaminathan spearheaded a mass movement with farmers and other scientists and backed by public policies, saved India from certain famine-like condition in the 1960s. He was the director general of the International Rice Research Institute in the Philippines and was awarded the first World Food Prize in 1987 - recognized as one of the highest honours in the field of agriculture. The United Nations Environment Programme had called him "the Father of Economic Ecology".

The ISEC family deeply condoles the passing away of Dr. Swaminathan and a condolence message shall be sent to his family members. The contributions of Dr. Swaminathan for guiding the Institute will be remembered for long years.

Regards,

S. Ashok Rao

Registrar, ISEC.