



**Dear Esteemed Member,**

The Indian Society of Agricultural Economics is extremely sad to inform you about the demise of Dr. M.S. Swaminathan, the father of Green Revolution in India, on September 28, 2023 at the age of 98. Dr. Swaminathan was a renowned Indian agricultural scientist who donned many hats as the agronomist, plant geneticist, administrator, and ultimately a humanitarian. Swaminathan's collaborative scientific efforts with Norman Borlaug, spearheading a mass movement with farmers and other scientists and backed by public policies, saved India and Pakistan from certain famine-like conditions in the 1960s. Dr. Swaminathan received numerous awards and honours, including the Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Award, the Ramon Magsaysay Award, the Albert Einstein World Science Award and The Padma Vibhushan award. He chaired the National Commission on Farmers in 2004, which recommended far-reaching ways to improve India's farming system. He was Director General of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research and headed the International Rice Research Institute in the Philippines. He was the first to recipient of the World Food Prize. He was the founder and Chairman of M S Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF), Chennai which was established in 1988. He contributed a great deal in the all-round development of the Society. He worked relentlessly to reduce poverty, hunger, disease, illiteracy, environmental degradation, and discrimination against women. His innovative approach to agriculture, combining modern scientific techniques with a deep understanding of local conditions and needs, transformed the lives of countless low-income farmers. He was our Society's Conference President during the year 1977 and the theme of his Presidential Address was *Indian Agriculture at the Crossroads*. He has published innumerable books and over 100 papers on green revolution and several scientific papers in the fields of crop improvement, cytogenetics and genetics and phylogenetics. The grief of Dr. Swaminathan's loss is shared by his professional colleagues, office bearers of the Society and the entire academic fraternity.

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