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Sent: 29 September 2023 03:18  
To: Chairpersonpa-MSSRF; Swami-MSSRF  
Subject: My deepest condolences on the sad loss of Prof. Swaminathan

Dear Soumya and Colleagues,

It is with a very heavy heart that I have heard the sad news about the passing of Professor Swaminathan.

Prof. Swaminathan was such a wonderful and brilliant man, whose humanity always shone through so brightly. His achievements and the impacts of his work have of course been immeasurable and globally recognised, yet despite this he always retained such a wonderful personal warmth and humility in his service of humanity.

He was always such an inspiration to me in my career and I hope I have been able to channel at least some of his knowledge, attitudes and outlook into my own work and help to spread his deep caring, in particular for resource-poor farmers and farming families. His view that people should not "Worship a technology" but "Worship the purpose for which the technology is to be used" is both prescient and profound and should be a touchstone for all agricultural scientists.

We shall all miss you 'Swami' and my thoughts and prayers are with you Soumya and your family – and I pray for the continuation of Prof Swaminathan's legacy through the Foundation.

Please do advise me of any memorial service planned in honour of Prof Swaminathan.

With kindest regards,

Dr Mark Holderness

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