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**Subject:** Condolences on the Passing of Professor M S Swaminathan

Dear Members of the M S Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF) Team,

I hope this message finds you all in good health. It is with a heavy heart that I write to convey our deepest condolences on the passing of Professor M S Swaminathan, a true visionary and pioneer in the field of agriculture, rural development, and sustainable development.

Professor Swaminathan's contributions to India's Green Revolution are immeasurable, and his legacy of scientific excellence and humanism will continue to inspire generations to come. His founding of MSSRF in 1988, fueled by his passion for sustainable agriculture, further exemplified his commitment to the betterment of rural communities, especially among tribal and marginalized populations.

MSSRF's dedication to applying modern science and technology to address the practical challenges faced by rural communities in agriculture, food, and nutrition, with a pro-poor, pro-women, and pro-nature approach, is a testament to Professor Swaminathan's vision and unwavering belief in equitable and sustainable development.

In this time of profound loss, our thoughts are with all of you at MSSRF. Professor M S Swaminathan's indomitable spirit will live on through the incredible work that your organization continues to do, and his legacy will forever be etched in the hearts of those he inspired.

Please accept our heartfelt condolences, and may his memory be a source of strength and inspiration as you carry forward his noble mission.