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Subject: Deepest Condolences

Dear Dr. Hariharan,

I was extremely sorry to hear about the demise of Prof. Swaminathan today. I had the fortune of knowing him since my student days and came in closer association with him after I joined BAIF in 1974.

Dr. Swaminathan was a unique combination of Excellence in Agricultural Science, Organisational Development, and Humanity. He has been a Role Model and Mentor for thousands of agricultural professionals across the country and overseas. He has been a source of Inspiration and Pride for me. I was also very fortunate to be associated with the MSSRF for over 10 years. His demise is a great loss to the Nation and all of us. Nevertheless, his contribution to the World Food Security and Progress of our country will be remembered forever.

My family members and the staff members of the Nisargopachar Gram Sudhar Trust, Uruli Kanchan join me in conveying our deepest condolences to you, all the members of Prof. Swaminathan's family and MSSRS Team. We pray God to lay his soul rest in peace and give you strength to bear this loss.

Yours in Grief

Narayan Hegde