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**Subject:** Sad News

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Dear Prof. Nitya Rao,

I received the sad news this morning that Dr M.S. Swaminathan has left us for his heavenly abode. His name has been, is and will always will be synonymous with agriculture and food security. Personalities of his vision and leadership are rare and appear on Earth whenever humanity is in trouble. Dr Swaminathan appeared on Earth to free India and humanity from hunger and starvation.

Please accept my very sincere condolences for the entire family.

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