

## FW: Heartfelt Condolences on the Passing of Prof M.S. Swaminathan

Soumya Swaminathan - MSSRF <doctorsoumya@mssrf.res.in>

Fri 10/13/2023 10:48 AM

To:Founder-MSSRF <founder@mssrf.res.in>

**From:** Saravani Hajela <saravanihajela@gmail.com>

**Sent:** 13 October 2023 07:30

**To:** Soumya Swaminathan - MSSRF <doctorsoumya@mssrf.res.in>

**Subject:** Heartfelt Condolences on the Passing of Prof M.S. Swaminathan

Dear Soumya Ma'am,

I extend my deepest condolences on the passing of your beloved father, Prof M.S. Swaminathan. It is with a heavy heart that I acknowledge the departure of such a venerable soul. His life was not just a chapter in history; it was a saga of compassion, dedication, and boundless wisdom—a legacy that will continue to inspire generations to come.

In the tapestry of India's agricultural landscape, Prof Swaminathan's contributions were nothing short of transformative. His departure leaves a void not just in the hearts of his family but also in the very fabric of our nation. His divine mission to alleviate hunger and starvation, saving millions in the process, stands as a beacon of selfless service—a feat that few mortals achieve.

While I never had the privilege of meeting him in person, the hallowed halls of MSSRF-CAbC, nurtured by his love for ecology and agriculture, instilled in me a deep reverence for the fields and the people they sustain. I consider it a privilege and blessing to have been part of his Birthday Celebrations merely a couple of months ago. The echoes of his wisdom and kindness continue to resonate within those sacred walls.

Expressing the depth of my regards and condolences feels inadequate, for words can only capture a fragment of the profound sorrow your family must be experiencing. My prayers accompany Prof Swaminathan's beautiful soul on its onward journey. I firmly believe that in departing from his physical form, he has embraced a new avatar, continuing his eternal journey of growth and evolution.

His passing evokes memories of my own maternal grandfather, whose selfless dedication to humanity left an indelible mark. Inspired by his legacy and now Prof Swaminathan's, I pledge to celebrate their journeys by carrying forth the torch of selfless service and boundless compassion for all sentient beings. It is my hope that the youth of today will be inspired to emulate the noble principles that Prof Swaminathan embodied throughout his remarkable life.

Om Sadgati.

I apologize for not writing earlier; I fell ill after my return from Wayanad and was hospitalized when Sir passed away. I struggled to find the words to express the profound loss you and your family must be feeling.

Ma'am, as we mourn his physical absence, I pray that MSSRF, an embodiment of his dreams and aspirations, will continue to flourish. May it soar to the heights he envisioned, perpetuating his noble work.

With warmest regards,  
Saravani