

Dear Sir

I will always consider myself fortunate to listen to your vision & ideas first hand and get opportunity to work closely with team MSSRF. As someone from agriculture fraternity and working with rural community. You remained our source of inspiration. This year when I got the Borlaug Field Award 2023 by World Food Prize as a young scholar the only wish I had was to take blessings from you. I hardly thought my visit to Chennai will be like this. However, I could say you last goodbye in person in something I would keep with me for ever.

Your life, soul, work would keep inspiring generations to come and as just one among millions inspired by you will keep marching ahead with your vision remaining unfold.

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