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It was with a great shock that we received the news of the passing of Prof Swaminathan. It was expectedly devastating as it was a great loss. Not that we were oblivious of his age which is an objective reality but somehow, we felt he would live longer. Indeed heroes like him live forever. They continue to live in the sterling marks that they leave behind on the sand of time. For Prof Swami, there are many of such edifices across the Globe.

We thank God for 98 eventful and highly productive years without which the world would have remained poorer, with more people hungry and several millions dead out of hunger.

What a great loss. Arguably, the greatest agronomist to have passed through this path. He was such a colossus. The co-father of Global Green Revolution, and definitely the father of Indian Green Revolution. One of the fathers of the CGIAR. Time magazine's one of the greatest 20 Asians in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. The father of farmers. The more you know of him the more you respect him. Coming from such a humble beginning to shake the world and rescue millions from poverty and hunger.

We at the Commonwealth of Learning are thankful for the useful collaboration with the MSSRF through the Lifelong Learning for Farmers from which lives of farmers are being transformed on daily basis. We look forward to a continuation of this useful collaboration.

A great inspiration to me as an agronomist. The big tree has fallen, and the forest can hardly remain the same! Sleep well Professor Mankombu Sambasivan Swaminathan.

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