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Dear Madam

Greetings

We feel extremely happy to note that the Father of Indian Green Revolution and a TNAU Alumnus, Prof. M.S. Swaminathan is conferred with India's highest civilian award **Bharat Ratna** for his monumental role in ensuring food security in the country.

At this moment, we recognise his noble services as a researcher, innovator and mentor to countless number of agricultural students in the country and also in the globe. Dr. Swaminathan's visionary leadership has not only transformed Indian agriculture but also ensured the nation's food security and prosperity. It's due to his efforts, India declared itself as a self-sufficient and food secured nation during 1970s. His major policy recommendations on minimum crop support prices, faster and inclusive growth and national policy to address farmer suicides are noteworthy and well received by the farming community. His initiatives on establishment of ecotechnology - based bio - villages and communication - based Village Knowledge Centres (VKCs) will contribute immensely towards transforming India to meet the challenges posed by changing climate. We also fondly remember the initiative on Dr. M S Swaminathan Professor-at-large programme to bring the global talents to TNAU.

On this great day, I convey my happiness and warm wishes to the family members and friends of Dr. M.S. Swaminathan, for this great achievement

Thanking you

With best wishes

  
(V. Geethalakshmi)