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# Noorumeni Nandhi

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Prof. M. S. Swaminathan Centenary Celebrations:  
Commemorating his contributions to Kuttanad and GIAHS



THURSDAY  
23  
JANUARY

04:00 PM  
TO  
07:00 PM

M.S. Swaminathan Rice Research Station  
Moncompu, Alappuzha,  
Kerala

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M S Swaminathan Research Foundation and Kerala Agricultural University  
With gracious support from Malayala Manorama

## PROGRAMME

### 4:00 PM – 4:15 PM : Registration & Tea

4:15 PM –  
4:20 PM

#### **Welcome Address**

Dr G N Hariharan

Executive Director, R&D, Policy and Govt Affairs, MSSRF

4:20 PM –  
4:30 PM

#### **Kuttanad: A Living Heritage Landscape – “Noorumeni Nandhi”**

Setting the Stage

Mr Prajeesh Parameswaran, MSSRF

4:30 PM –  
4:35 PM

#### **Inauguration**

Shri. Kodikkunnil Suresh MP

Mavelikkara Lok Sabha

4:35 PM –  
5:30 PM

#### **Felicitations**

##### **4:35 PM to 4:40PM**

Dr M. Surendran

Professor & Head, Rice Research Station, Mancombu

##### **4:40 PM to 4:45 PM**

Dr. Grinson George,

Director, Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (ICAR), Kochi

##### **4:45 PM to 4:50 PM**

Dr K G Padmakumar

Director, International Research and Training Centre for Below Sea Level Farming, Kuttanad

Join us as we celebrate the centenary year of the visionary agricultural scientist, Dr. M S Swaminathan, whose pioneering contributions brought attention to Kuttanad and elevated it to a Globally Important Agricultural Heritage System (GIAHS). Dr. Swaminathan designed the Kuttanad Package, a wetland development project to restore the region's ecology and improve the lives of the people by designing ecological sustainable solutions

This event honours his legacy and explores pathways for sustainable agriculture and development in the region.

## HIGHLIGHTS:



Insights into Dr. Swaminathan's work



Expert presentations and discussions



Felicitations by eminent dignitaries



Handing over of the prestigious GIAHS certificate



**4:50 PM to 4:55 PM**

Shri. George Mathew Vacha  
Integrated Farmer, Pulinkunnu, Kuttanad

**4:55 PM to 5:00 PM**

Smt. Pushpamma V S  
Progressive Women Farmer, Edayazham, Kuttanad

**5:00 PM to 5:10 PM**

Mr Nandakumar, IAS (Retd)  
Former Secretary of Food & Agriculture, Govt of India

**5:10 PM to 5:20 PM**

Dr S. Bala Ravi  
Assistant Director General (Rtd), Indian Council of Agricultural Research,  
Former Staff, MSSRF

**5:20 PM to 5:25 PM**

Shri. P. K. Hormis Tharakan  
(IPS Retd) Former Chief RAW, Govt of India Pokkali Farmer, Ezhupunna,  
Alappuzha

**5:25 PM to 5:30 PM**

Dr Sabu Abdul Hameed  
Member Secretary, Kerala State Council for Science Technology and  
Environment, Govt. of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram

5:30 PM -  
5:40 PM

**Brand Launch**

**5:30 PM to 5:40 PM**

“KERA SARAS”

MSSRF – SAARC Programme - Coconut Value Chain from Kuttanad  
About the Brand:  
Mr. Jibin Thomas, MSSRF

Shri. Alex Varghese IAS,  
District Collector, Alappuzha

**Receiving the brand Plaque**

Shri. Kodikkunnil Suresh MP  
Mavelikkara Lok Sabha

5:40 PM -  
5:55 PM

**Special Address- Professor M. S. Swaminathan and his contributions for Kuttanad and GIAHS (Globally Important Agricultural Heritage System)**

**5:40 PM to 5:55 PM**

Dr N. Anil Kumar  
Chairman, Kerala State Biodiversity Board, Thiruvananthapuram  
Former ED, MSSRF

5:55 PM -  
6:05 PM

**Special Address**

**6:20 PM to 6:35 PM**

Dr Jiju P. Alex  
Member, Kerala State Planning Board & Trustee MSSRF

6:05 PM - **Special Address**  
6:15 PM **6:05 PM to 6:15 PM**  
Dr B Ashok IAS  
Principal Secretary and Agricultural Production Commissioner, Govt of Kerala; Vice Chancellor, Kerala Agricultural University

6:15 PM - **Special Address**  
6:20 PM **6:15 PM to 6:20 PM**  
Mr Franklin L Khobung IFoS  
Joint Secretary Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Govt of India

6:20 PM - **Professor M. S. Swaminathan's Contributions to strengthening The Karshakashree and strengthening the Kerala farmers**  
6:30 PM **6:20 PM to 6:30 PM**  
Shri. Jacob Mathew  
Managing Editor, Malayala Manorama Group of Publications, Kottayam

6:30 PM - **6:30 PM to 6:40 PM**  
6:40 PM Dr Soumya Swaminathan  
Chairperson, MSSRF and Principal Advisor for the National Tuberculosis Elimination Program, Govt of India

**Handing over of GIAHS Certificate**

To Hon. Minister for Agriculture  
Shri. P. Prasad by Dr Soumya Swaminathan, Chairperson MSSRF

6:40 PM - **Address by the Chief Guest**  
6:55 PM **6:40 PM to 6:55 PM**  
Shri P. Prasad  
Hon. Minister for Agriculture, Government of Kerala

6:55 PM - **Vote of Thanks**  
7:00 PM **6:55 PM to 7:00 PM**  
Dr V. Shakeela  
Director, MSSRF- CABc, Wayanad



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