



M S Swaminathan
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“If agriculture goes wrong, nothing else will have a chance to go right.”

- Prof M. S. Swaminathan

CELEBRATING THE LIVING LEGACY OF M. S. SWAMINATHAN

7th to 9th August 2025



A Legacy of Transforming Lives

Professor M. S. Swaminathan, a luminary in sustainable agriculture and food security, is celebrated as the architect of India's Green Revolution. His peerless contributions were recognized in 2024 when he was posthumously awarded the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian honour, highlighting his lifelong mission to eliminate hunger and promote rural prosperity through science and technology. His global recognition includes roles such as the Chairman of the UN Science Advisory Committee, Independent Chairman of the FAO Council (1981–85), and President of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN, 1984–90). He led India's agricultural transformation as Director General of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and later as Director General of the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), where his innovative strategies became a global template for agricultural advancement.

TIME magazine listed him as one of the 20 most influential Asians of the 20th century, alongside Mahatma Gandhi and Rabindranath Tagore. Known as the "Father of Economic Ecology" by the United Nations Environment Programme, Professor Swaminathan's leadership in the

ever-green revolution introduced sustainable practices in agriculture, addressing food security without compromising environmental health.

In recognition of his extraordinary contributions to agriculture and food security, he was honoured with numerous prestigious awards, including the Padma Shri (1967), Ramon Magsaysay Award (1971), Padma Bhushan (1972), World Food Prize (1987), Padma Vibhushan (1989), and Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament, and Development (2000).

In an era marked by existential challenges -- climate change, energy crises, and deepening inequalities -- Dr. Swaminathan's legacy stands as a beacon of hope and inspiration. His life's work underscores the urgency of transforming global systems through the fusion of scientific innovation and social justice. Celebrating his centenary is not merely a tribute to his monumental achievements but a call to action, reaffirming a global commitment to sustainable agriculture, food security, and a hunger-free world. His vision of cooperation and benevolence among individuals, institutions, and nations continues to guide us in addressing the complex challenges of our time.

M.S. SWAMINATHAN BIRTH CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

Honourable Prime Minister Shri. Narendra Modi to Inaugurate the Centenary International Conference 'Evergreen Revolution – The Pathway for Biohappiness' | August 7–9, 2025 | NASC, New Delhi. Join us as he honours the leadership that ushered in an era of agricultural self-sufficiency and strengthened India's national food security.

KEY EVENTS



M.S. Swaminathan Centenary International Conference:

A global platform bringing together scientists, policymakers, and practitioners to address challenges in sustainable agriculture, food security, and climate resilience.



Commemorative Stamp and Coin Release*:

Issuance of a special stamp and coin to honour Dr. Swaminathan's legacy



Institution of Fellowships, Awards, and Honours:

- M.S. Swaminathan Fellows: Supporting researchers and practitioners in agriculture and allied sciences.
- Dr. M.S. Swaminathan Re-entry Fellowship: Encouraging Indian researchers abroad to return and contribute to national agricultural progress.



M.S. Swaminathan Award for Food and Peace:

The institution of the M.S. Swaminathan Award for Food and Peace by The World Academy of Sciences (TWAS).



Declaration of 7th August as National

Agricultural Science Day*: Advocacy for officially designating Dr. Swaminathan's birth anniversary as a day to celebrate agricultural innovation and science.



M.S. Swaminathan Centenary Lecture Series:

An ongoing series of lectures by eminent personalities highlighting the impact of Dr. Swaminathan's work and its relevance to current global challenges.



The establishment of Rural Biohappiness

Centres: Community-based hubs that harness local biodiversity to strengthen food, health, and livelihood security.



Addressing Challenges with Innovations:

Scaling up of innovations with small and marginalized farmers, fishers, and tribal communities through our regionally anchored centres that link conservation with inclusive economic growth.

*Subject to approval by the Government of India



JOIN US AS A LEGACY PARTNER

We invite you to be part of this historic mission by supporting the Centenary Legacy as a donor partner. Your support will enhance the livelihoods and well-being of millions of rural and tribal communities across India, while honouring one of our greatest nation-builders.

While we welcome contributions of any amount, we've created these three broad tiers to provide options for our valued supporters.

Contribution	Exclusive Recognition
₹50 lakhs and above	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Commemorative ₹100 centenary coin and a commemorative stampThe very first-edition of a book on Prof. Swaminathan to be released by the Hon. Prime Minister at the centenary eventLead recognition across all centenary event publications and communicationsVIP seating for 6 at the centenary event
₹25 - 49 Lakhs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Prominent branding at conferenceFirst-edition of book on Prof. Swaminathan released at event and a commemorative stampAcknowledgment in all event publicationsVIP seating for 4 at the centenary event
₹10 - 24 Lakhs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Recognition at conference and across selected initiativesFirst-edition of book on Prof Swaminathan released at eventVIP seating for 2 at the centenary event

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