



Mankombu Sambasivan Swaminathan

MANKOMBU SAMBASIVAN SWAMINATHAN

(7 AUGUST 1925 – 28 SEPTEMBER 2023)

“If God appears to poor and hungry in the form of bread as said by Mahatma Gandhi, that God is Dr. Swaminathan who should be worshipped by every citizen while taking daily meals.”



Famously called

- ↳ Father of Green Revolution in India
- ↳ Father of Economic Ecology by UNEP

Timeline

- ↳ **1947-49:** After Independence, joined IARI, New Delhi
- ↳ **1949-54:** UNESCO Fellowship, Doctorate, and Postdoctoral
- ↳ **1965-70:** Led Green Revolution in India (with Norman Borlaug)
- ↳ **1972-88:** Headed ICAR, Revolutionised Rice research across Asia as DG-IRRI (First Asian)
- ↳ **1987-89:** Estd M.S Swaminathan Research Institute, Chennai
- ↳ **1990-02:** President of the Pugwash Conferences on Science and World (2002-07)
- ↳ **2004-13:** Chaired National Commission on Farmers
- ↳ **2013-23:** Steered M S Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF) on sustainable agriculture, nutrition, security, etc.

Major Awards

- ↳ Padma Shri, 1967
- ↳ Ramon Magsaysay Award for Community Leadership, 1971
- ↳ Padma Bhushan, 1972
- ↳ Won inaugural World Food Prize, 1987
- ↳ Padma Vibhushan, 1989
- ↳ Mahatma Gandhi Prize of UNESCO, 2000
- ↳ Bharat Ratna, 2024 (Posthumously)

MS Swaminathan was included in List of 20 most Influential Asians of 20th century by TIMES Magazine



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