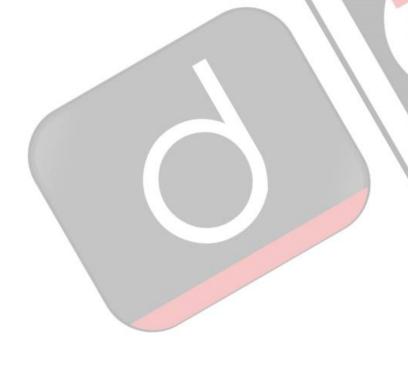


# **MS Swaminathan Centenary Conference**

### **Source: PIB**

The Prime Minister of India inaugurated the MS Swaminathan Centenary International Conference at New Delhi celebrating the legacy of the father of India's Green Revolution.

- Theme: Evergreen Revolution: The Pathway to Biohappiness. It focuses on food security, sustainability, and inclusive development.
- Contribution of MS Swaminathan: He introduced high-yielding crops, boosting India's food security, and collaborated with Norman Borlaug (Father of Green Revolution in the world) on semi-dwarf wheat, leading to an increase in wheat production.
  - He was also a pioneer in <u>mangrove</u> restoration and <u>sustainable</u> farming, promoting an <u>evergreen revolution</u> for eco-friendly agricultural growth.
- Recognition & Legacy: He was posthumously conferred the <u>Bharat Ratna</u> in 2024 and honoured as the Father of Economic Ecology by <u>UNEP</u> for linking agriculture with sustainable ecological practices.



# MANKOMBU SAMBASIVAN SWAMINATHAN (7-AUGUST 1925 - 28 SEPTEMBER 2023) (6) 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. (9) Father of Green (9) Father of Economic

# Timeline

Revolution in India

- → **1947-49:** After Independence, joined IARI, New Delhi
- → 1949-54: UNESCO Fellowship, Doctorate, and Postdoctoral

**Ecology by UNEP** 

- → 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
- (9) Won inaugural World Food Prize, 1987
- Padma Vibhushan, 1989
- Mahatma Gandhi Prize of UNESCO, 2000
- Bharat Ratna, 2024 (Posthumously)

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