



MS Swaminathan Centenary Conference

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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 [mangrove restoration](#) and **sustainable farming**, promoting an [evergreen revolution](#) for eco-friendly agricultural growth.
- **Recognition & Legacy:** He was posthumously conferred the [Bharat Ratna](#) in 2024 and honoured as the **Father of Economic Ecology** by [UNEP](#) for linking **agriculture** with **sustainable ecological practices**.

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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