

FELICITATIONS TO

Dr. Monkompu Sambasivan Swaminathan

Respected Sir,

*The destiny of Indian Agriculture and in fact, the global rice farming had its luck when you opted to take agricultural research as a profession over the lucrative All India Cadre Service during a period when food production of the country was facing serious shortages. Your monumnetal decision has virtually changed the history of Indian agricultural scenario which was predicted to face acute famine resulting in human holocaust.*

*Soon after returning from Wisconsin U.S.A., your decision to start your career in research on rice at the Central Rice Research Institute as Assistant Botanist in the Japonica x Indica hybridization programme was unique. You left an indelible mark for the development of rice during the formative stages as a researcher and from then onwards through your untiring efforts and dedicated service, you reached the pinnacle to serve as the Director General of ICAR in the hierarchy of Indian agricultural research, education and management. Your effort to integrate agricultural research and education inculcated a sense of honour for agricultural scientists.*

*You were chiefly instrumental in introducing the high yielding semi-dwarf rice and wheat as the model plant type for adoption and cultivation in India against several odds. This turning point has played a key role in achieving self sufficiency in food production.*

*The holistic approach you advocated for the development of agriculture, your emphasis on the upliftment of women in agriculture, bringing sustainability in farming, protecting the environment with eco-friendly technology which ultimately facilitated and paved the way for emerging of our country as one of the agricultural powers of the world.*

*Your noble service to agriculture has brought several recognitions. As a Member and Deputy Chairman In-charge of Planning Commission, Government of India you have helped immensely in chalking out the Indian Agricultural Programme.*

*As Director General, International Rice Research Institute, the Philippines, your dynamic leadership and vision had triggered novel ways of increasing rice production in the world.*

*The great distinctions like Ramon Magsasay Award, the first Laureate of the World Food Prize, besides Padma Bibhushan and several other awards and distinctions are worth preserving as murals in world Agriculture scenario.*

*We are extremely fortunate to have you in our midst today and feel highly honoured for your presence.*

Date : 31.05.1994

Members of staff,  
CRRI, Cuttack, India.



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**DR. MONKOMPU SAMBASIVAN SWAMINATHAN**

*Revered Sir,*

We the members of the Applied Zoologists Research Association (AZRA) stationed at CRRI have a great pleasure in welcoming you on your very pleasant visit to this Institute. The Applied Zoologists Research Association is a newly established (1989) Association with the objectives to advance and integrate research in the field of applied zoology. AZRA is publishing a bi-annual journal i.e. Journal of Applied Zoological Researches since 1990.

Sir, we are proud of your attainment as a researcher and as a teacher and above all as an eminent agricultural scientist.

After Ph.D. from the School of Agriculture in Cambridge in 1952, you spent two decades doing research on various crops in basic and applied genetics at Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi and developed high yielding strains of wheat and rice and accomplished difficult crosses in potato and jute crops. As an able administrator you have served as Director General, ICAR, India, Director General, International Rice Research Institute, Manila, Philippines and presently serving as Honorary Director of Centre for Research on Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development, Madras. As a social worker, you have formulated various projects to provide the benefits of research done in the laboratory to the farmers in the field.

Sir, you have been honoured by a number of prestigious awards. To cite a few, you are honoured 'Padma Shree' in 1967 as the pioneer of Green Revolution in India. In 1971 you were awarded Ramon Magsaysay Award for generating agricultural capabilities of the country. Sir, you are also a recipient of Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Award, Borlaug Award and Padma Bibhushan.

Sir, we are proud of your towering personality and research contributions. We require your kind blessings for the fulfilment of the objectives of our Association.

We pray God to grant you a long and active life.

31.05.1994

**Members,  
Applied Zoologists Research Association  
CRRI, Cuttack, India.**



A MEMOIR TO  
*Dr. M. S. Swaminathan*  
FROM THE MEMBERS OF ARRW

*Respected Sir,*

The Association of Rice Research Workers (ARRW) is indeed privileged to welcome you Sir, for your graceful visit to this Institute amidst the galaxy of Scientists present here. It is so nostalgic to recapitulate today that you were initiated to the world of agricultural science from this centre of excellence - the Central Rice Research Institute.

You are aware that the ARRW is committed to the cause of rice research through a band of dedicated Scientists. We are proud to mention that by your esteemed patronage and initial efforts in Japonica-Indica hybridization programme at CRRI, several scientists have been encouraged to undertake rice research as a profession and face the challenges ahead at its various frontiers.

Prizes and recognitions have been galoring your eventful life. Your excellent contribution to the agriculture in general and plant genetical studies in particular have not only resulted in ushering the high yielding era but also the modern molecular and biotechnological activities. Your vision and prudent planning has transformed the agricultural sustenance of the country from 'ship to mouth - to - field to mouth'. You have been a champion in the conservation of plant genetic resources and in stressing the importance of protecting the wild genes for future generations. Your unique role to resolve the global food crisis and your active participation for the cause of environmental protection have endeared you to every citizen of India.

The Association takes this opportunity to congratulate you on your appointment as an adviser to the Ministry of Trade and Commerce in connection with the implementation of post-GATT programmes in India.

We pray God for your long life and successes in your endeavour to serve mankind.

31.05.1994.

**Members,  
Association of Rice Research Workers,  
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