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# AWARD CEREMONY

TO CONFER THE AWARD OF 'YERARIGNAR' TO PROF. M.S.SWAMINATHAN



10 DECEMBER 2017 | 11.00 AM  
MADRAS VETERINARY COLLEGE, VEPERY, CHENNAI

## INVITATION

To

Prof. M. S. Swaminathan  
Founder,  
M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation  
Chennai



**Dr. K. RAMASAMY**  
VICE-CHANCELLOR  
Tamil Nadu Agricultural University  
Coimbatore



**Dr. S. THILAGAR**  
VICE-CHANCELLOR  
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**Dr. S. FELIX**  
VICE-CHANCELLOR  
Tamil Nadu Fisheries University  
Nagapattinam



**Dr.M.MUTHAMILSELVAN**  
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New Delhi

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AGRICULTURAL SCIENTIFIC TAMIL SOCIETY, NEW DELHI  
TAMIL NADU AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY, COIMBATORE  
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TO CONFER THE AWARD OF 'YERARIGNAR' (ICON-OF-FARM-RESEARCH)

TO

**PROF. M.S. SWAMINATHAN**

THE EMINENT AGRICULTURAL SCIENTIST

BY

**SHRI. M. VENKAIAH NAIDU**

HONOURABLE VICE-PRESIDENT OF INDIA

IN THE ESTEEMED PRESENCE OF

**THIRU. BANWARILAL PUROHIT**

HONOURABLE GOVERNOR OF TAMIL NADU

**THIRU. EDAPPADI K. PALANISWAMI**

HONOURABLE CHIEF MINISTER OF TAMIL NADU

DELIVERS FELICITATION ADDRESS

10 DECEMBER 2017 | 11.00 AM  
MADRAS VETERINARY COLLEGE, VEPERY, CHENNAI

# PROGRAMME

**Date : 10 December, 2017 at 11.00 - 11.55 am**  
**Venue : Anna Auditorium, Madras Veterinary College,  
Vepery, Chennai**

**Welcome address**

**Dr. K. RAMASAMY**

Vice-Chancellor  
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**Award concept speech**

**Prof. S. AYYAPPAN**

Former Secretary, Dept. of Agricultural Research and  
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**Award declaration**

**Dr. M. MUTHAMIL SELVAN**

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## **CONFERRING AWARD BY HON'BLE VICE PRESIDENT OF INDIA**

**Citation address**

**Dr. S. THILAGAR**

Vice-Chancellor  
Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Chennai

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**Prof. M. S. SWAMINATHAN**

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**Felicitation Address**

**Thiru. EDAPPADI K. PALANISWAMI**

Honourable Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu

**Presidential address**

**Thiru. BANWARILAL PUROHIT**

Honourable Governor of Tamil Nadu

**CHIEF-GUEST ADDRESS**

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**Vote of thanks**

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**National anthem**



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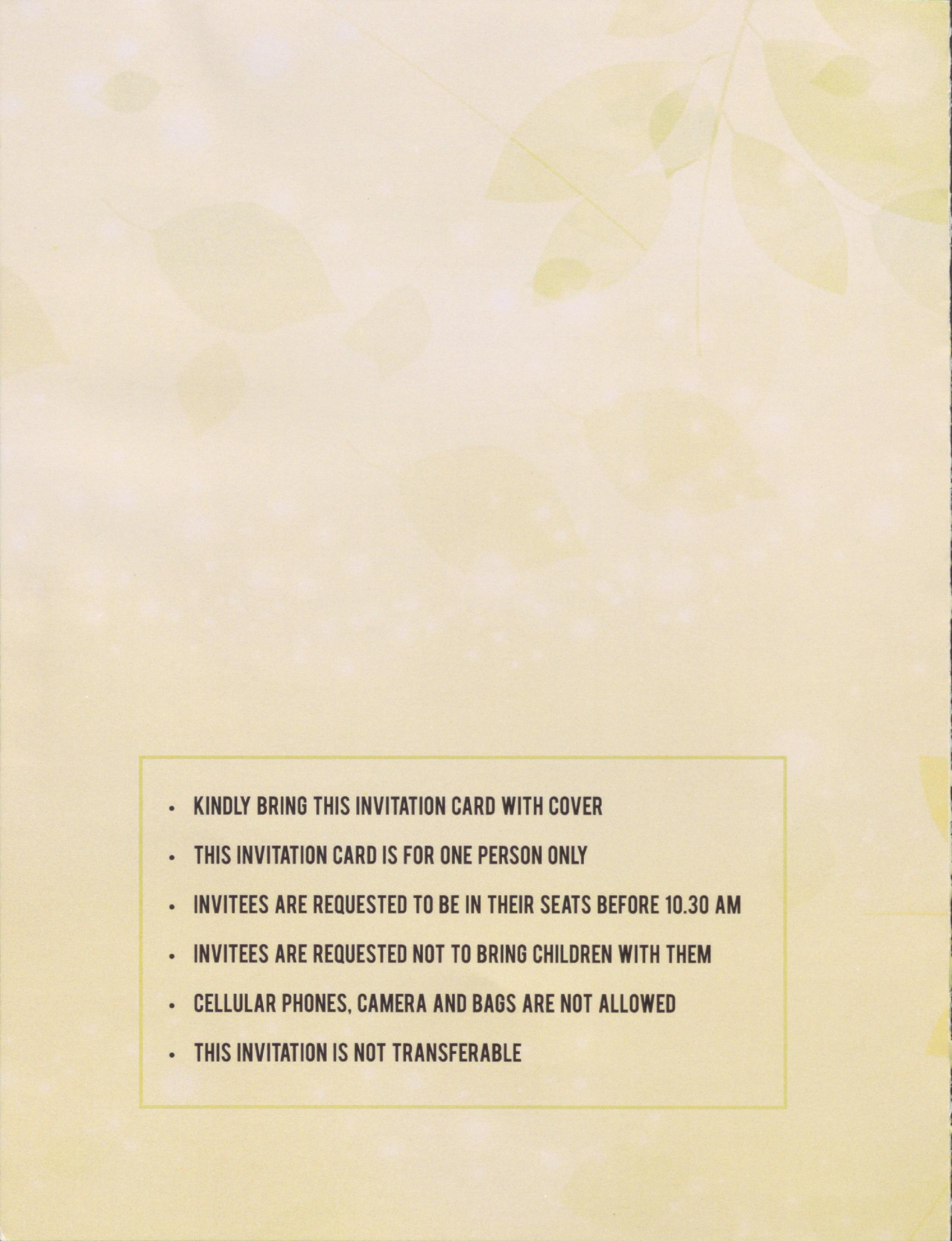
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11 December 2017

Hon'ble Shri M Venkaiah Naidu  
Vice President of India  
Parliament House  
New Delhi - 110 001

[secyvp@nic.in](mailto:secyvp@nic.in); [ps-vps@nic.in](mailto:ps-vps@nic.in)

Dear and Respected Vice President,

I do not know how to thank you for taking the trouble to come all the way to Chennai to present the Yerarignar award to me. I also thank you for the kind words you spoke. My daughter Soumya was very moved by your remarks (I had sent the recorded audio of your speech). You are source of encouragement to all farmers and farm scientists. *of our country*

I pray for your continued good health and personal happiness. I shall call on you when I come to Delhi next. Meanwhile, I am grateful for your encouragement and for your generous remarks.

With warm personal regards,

Yours sincerely,



M S Swaminathan

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11 December 2017

H E Shri Banwarilal Purohit  
Governor of Tamil Nadu  
Raj Bhavan  
Chennai - 600 022

Dear Governor Purohit,

I am most grateful to you for the time you spared yesterday to join the Yerarignar award ceremony and deliver a fine speech. I thank you for the reference you made ~~for~~ <sup>about</sup> my contributions.

I shall soon fix up an appointment to call on you. I hope we can have the privilege of having you at the Foundation on a mutually convenient date and time.

With respectful regards,

Yours sincerely,



M S Swaminathan

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Dr Muthamil Selvan

M\_muthamil@yahoo.co.in

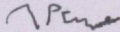
My dear Muthamil Selvan,

I do not know how to thank you for all the kindness you showed me yesterday. Your idea of instituting a Yerarignar award is very imaginative and appropriate for the reason I mentioned in my acceptance talk. You are the custodian of the use of Tamil for scientific literature. I wish you great success in this important task.

You can count on my support in your efforts to make Tamil an important scientific language.

With warm personal regards,

Yours sincerely,



M S Swaminathan

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Ministers

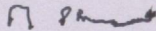
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I look forward to welcoming you to the foundation soon.

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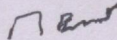
Dr S Felix

Dear

I am most grateful to you for your kind decision to confer upon me the Yerarignar award. I attach great importance to this award for the reason I mentioned in my acceptance speech. I am particularly grateful to the VC of TANUVAS for the excellent arrangements made in the auditorium. The students of TANUVAS also behaved in an exemplary manner. I wish you continued professional success and personal happiness.

With warm personal regards,

Yours sincerely,



M S Swaminathan

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Thiru K. Pandiarajan  
Minister for Tamil Official Language and Tamil Culture  
Government of Tamil Nadu  
Secretariat  
Chennai - 600 009

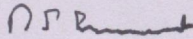
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I look forward to welcoming you to the foundation soon.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,



M S Swaminathan

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Government of Tamil Nadu  
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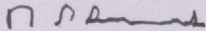
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With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,



M S Swaminathan

MSS/DB/

12 December 2017

Thiru M K Stalin

Dear Thiru Stalin,

I am most grateful to you for your kind message of congratulations and good wishes. Your father invited me to set up our institution in Chennai and provide all facilities. During every budget session, he used to ask my views on the items which should be included in the budget. Therefore, a message of congratulations coming from you is a special significance for me.

*M S Swaminathan*

M S Swaminathan

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**DMK Stalin wishes on Twitter**

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**From :** Jayashree B <jayashreeb@mssrf.res.in>

Tue, Dec 12, 2017 10:23 AM

**Subject :** DMK Stalin wishes on Twitter**To :** swami@mssrf.res.in**Reply To :** B Jayashree <jayashreeb@mssrf.res.in>

Dear sir,

DMK working President Thiru M K Stalin has wished you on Twitter for the Yerarignar award also quoting his father's rapport with you.

The message is pasted below FYI.

Regards,

Jayashree

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Hearty Congrats to Agri-Scientist Thiru @msswaminathan on being conferred the "Yerarignar" award for his unparalleled contribution to Agriculture, which is the backbone of our country. Whenever in office, Dr. Kalaingar relied on his input & ideas to improve the position of TN farmers

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**Chief Guest and to Confer the 'Yerarignar' Award  
On December 10, 2017  
At 1100 hrs at Anna Auditorium,  
Madras Veterinary College,  
Vepery, Chennai**

**MINUTE TO MINUTE PROGRAMME**

1055 hrs	Arrival of the Hon'ble Vice President of India Received By <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. K. Ramasamy, Vice-Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore</li> <li>• Prof. S. Ayyappan, Former Secretary, Dept of Agricultural Research and DG, ICAR</li> <li>• Dr. S. Thilagar, Vice-Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Chennai</li> <li>• Dr. S. Felix, Vice-chancellor, Tamil Nadu Fisheries University, Chennai</li> <li>• Dr. Muthamil Selvan, Founder &amp; President</li> </ul> Meet & Greet dignitaries Seated in the front row and thereafter escorted to the Dais
1100 hrs	National Anthem
1101 hrs	Welcome Speech by Dr. K. Ramasamy, Vice-Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore
1107 hrs	Speech by Prof. S. Ayyappan, former Secretary, Dept of Dept of Agricultural Research and DG, ICAR
1109 hrs	Declaration of Award by Dr. Muthamil Selvan, Founder & President
1110 hrs	Conferring Award by Hon'ble Vice President
1113 hrs	Speech by Dr. S. Thilagar, Vice- chancellor, Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Science University, Chennai
1115 hrs	Speech by Prof. M.S. Swaminathan
1120 hrs	Speech by Shri Edappadi K. Palaniswami, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
1127 hrs	Speech by Shri Banwarilal Purohit, Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu
1135 hrs	Address by Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, Hon'ble Vice President of India
1155 hrs	Vote of thanks by Dr. S. Felix, Vice-Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Fisheries University, Nagapattinam
1159 hrs	National Anthem
1200 hrs	Departure of the Hon'ble Vice President of India

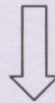
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**DAIS PLAN**

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1. Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, Hon'ble Vice President of India
2. Shri Thiru. Banwarilal Purohit, Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu
3. Shri Edappadi K. Palaniswami, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
4. Prof MS Swaminathan, Awardee
5. Dr. K. Ramasamy, Vice-Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University
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8. Dr. M. Muthamil Selvan, Founder & President, Agricultural Scientific Tamil Society
9. Dr. S. Felix, Vice Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Fisheries University



**AUDIENCE**

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- A - Secretary to VPI
- B - Joint Secretary to VPI
- C - Sr. PS
- D - Personal Physician to VPI
- Five seats on either side of the side isle may be kept reserved (R) for Senior Officials of the accompanying entourage.
- Two seats behind the Vice-President of India may be kept reserved for the accompanying PSO & Staff Officer

## AWARD CONCEPT

Honouring the magnanimous agricultural legend, Dr. M.S. Swaminathan, with a "Yerarinjar" award, who is the reason for the improvised and sustainable agriculture in India today.

The word Yerarjinjar is originally a tamil word comprising two words "Yer" and "Arinjar", Yer is plough, which is an essential equipment for a farmer and "Arijar" is a highly knowledgeable person. Yerarinjar is a Tamil word for an agricultural legend.

Originally a Tamilian, Tamil Agricultural Scientific Society wish to laurel this eminent agricultural scientist, with a tamil crown, for being the reason for food revolution and feeding many hungry stomachs. Dr. M.S. Swaminathan is a renowned Indian geneticist and administrator, who made a stellar contribution in the success of India's Green Revolution program, which went a long way in making India self-sufficient in wheat and rice production.

Such an occasion of crowning this "Yerarinjar award haven't happened earlier and will not happen ever in future! Yerarinjar is the one and only agricultural legend, Dr. M. S. Swaminathan.

Minute-to-Minute Programme (Draft)

## AWARD CEREMONY

*Conferring Award 'Yerarignar' to Prof. M. S. Swaminathan*

*by Agricultural Scientific Tamil Society, New Delhi, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, and Tamil Nadu Fisheries University*

Venue: \_\_\_\_\_, Chennai      Date: 10.12.2017 (11.00-11.55 am)      Language: English

- 11.00 am : Arrival of Hon'ble Vice-President
- 11.00-11.02 : National anthem
- 11.02-11.05 : Welcome address, Dr. K. RAMASAMY,  
Vice-Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore
- 11.05-11.08 : Award concept speech, Dr. S. AYYAPPAN,  
Former Secretary, Dept of Agricultural Research and DG, ICAR
- 11.08-11.12 : **CONFERRING AWARD by Hon'ble Vice-President**  
Award declaration, Dr. M. MUTHAMIL SELVAN  
Founder & President, Agricultural Scientific Tamil Society, New Delhi
- 11.12-11.15 : Citation address, Dr. S. THILAGAR, Vice-Chancellor,  
Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Chennai
- 11.15-11.25 : Award recognition address, **Prof. M. S. SWAMINATHAN**
- 11.25-11.35 : **Presidential address,**  
**HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER OF TAMIL NADU** (Awaiting consent)
- 11.35-11.50 : **CHIEF-GUEST ADDRESS,**  
**HON'BLE VICE PRESIDENT**
- 11.50-11.53 : Vote of thanks, Dr. S. FELIX,  
Vice-Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Fisheries University, Nagapattinam
- 11.53-11.55 : National anthem

*(Master of ceremony: Ms. I. Merlin Kamala, PhD Scholar, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore)*

**VICE-PRESIDENT'S VISIT/**  
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**Letter No.405/Pro.I/2017-2, Dated: 14.11.2017**

From  
Thiru C. Samayamoorthy, I.A.S.,  
Additional Secretary to Government.

To  
The Vice-Chancellor,  
Tamil Nadu Agricultural University,  
Coimbatore – 641 003  
E-mail: [vctnau@tnau.ac.in](mailto:vctnau@tnau.ac.in)

Sir,

Sub: VVIP VISIT - Visit of the Hon'ble Vice-President of India to Chennai on  
10.12.2017 – Reg.

Ref: From the Private Secretary to the Vice-President of India, Vice-President  
Secretariat, New Delhi, Fax No.VPS(FD)PS/21/2017, dated: 11.11.2017.

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I am directed to invite attention to the letter cited (copy enclosed) and to state that the Private Secretary to the Vice-President of India, Vice-President Secretariat, New Delhi has informed that the Hon'ble Vice-President of India has consented in principle to be the Chief Guest and to confer the 'Yerarignar' Award upon Prof. M.S. Swaminathan at 11:00 Hrs on 10.12.2017 at Raj Bhavan, Chennai. In this connection, I am to request you to furnish the following details to Government immediately (Fax No.2567 2595, E-mail:- [protocol@tn.gov.in](mailto:protocol@tn.gov.in)):-

- a. Minute to Minute Programme (not to exceed 60 minutes)
- b. Dais Plan with names
- c. Proof of Invitation Card, before Printing
- d. Draft speech and background material for reference of VPI

2. I am also request you to furnish the details of persons / function organizers to be contacted at your office to co-ordinate further with regard to the visit of Hon'ble Vice – President of India in the format given below to Government by return fax / e-mail so as to communicate the same to the Vice-President's Secretariat:-

1. Name
2. Designation
3. Telephone Nos.
  - i. Office
  - ii. Residence
  - iii. Mobile
  - iv. Fax

Yours faithfully,

*A. d. Valarmuthu*  
for Additional Secretary to Government

*14/11/17*

## AWARD CEREMONY

*Conferring Award 'Yerarignar' (Icon of farm research) by Hon'ble Vice President to Prof. M. S. Swaminathan, Eminent Agriculturist by Agricultural Scientific Tamil Society, New Delhi, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, and Tamil Nadu Fisheries University*

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Award declaration, Dr. M. MUTHAMIL SELVAN  
Founder & President, Agricultural Scientific Tamil Society, New Delhi
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Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Chennai
- 11.15-11.20 : Award recognition address, **Prof. M. S. SWAMINATHAN**
- 11.20-11.27 : **Special address,**  
**HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER OF TAMIL NADU**
- 11.27-11.35 : **Presidential address,**  
**HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF TAMIL NADU**
- 11.35-11.50 : **CHIEF-GUEST ADDRESS,**  
**HON'BLE VICE PRESIDENT**
- 11.50-11.53 : Vote of thanks, Dr. S. FELIX,  
Vice-Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Fisheries University, Nagapattinam
- 11.53-11.55 : National anthem

Master of ceremony: Ms. I. Merlin Kamala, PhD Scholar, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore)

## AWARD CONCEPT

Honouring the magnanimous agricultural legend, Dr. M.S. Swaminathan, with a "Yerarinjar" award, who is the reason for the improvised and sustainable agriculture in India today.

The word Yerarinjar is originally a tamil word comprising two words "Yer" and "Arinjar", Yer is plough, which is an essential equipment for a farmer and "Arijar" is a highly knowledgeable person. Yerarinjar is a Tamil word for an agricultural legend.

Originally a Tamilian, Tamil Agricultural Scientific Society wish to laurel this eminent agricultural scientist, with a tamil crown, for being the reason for food revolution and feeding many hungry stomachs. Dr. M.S. Swaminathan is a renowned Indian geneticist and administrator, who made a stellar contribution in the success of India's Green Revolution program, which went a long way in making India self-sufficient in wheat and rice production.

Such an occasion of crowning this "Yerarinjar award haven't happened earlier and will not happen ever in future! Yerarinjar is the one and only agricultural legend, Dr. M. S. Swaminathan.