

## Award For The Sake Of Honour To

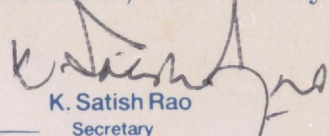
### DR. MONKOMBU SAMBASIVAN SWAMINATHAN

Food for the millions, Education of technologists through the art of science, Conservation of nature and natural resources, Cause of women, Service to Community in all walks of life – these are some of the most shining facets of the diamond called **DR. MONKOMBU SAMBASIVAN SWAMINATHAN**.

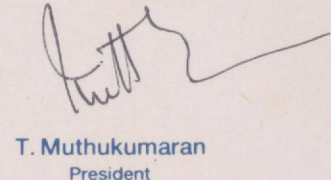
- Son of a famous surgeon, **Dr. Swaminathan** was born in Tamil Nadu, India, on August 7, 1925. He was educated at Travancore and Madras Universities. He received his Ph.D. in Genetics from Cambridge University in 1952 and has since received 30 honorary doctorates from institutions spanning three continents. In addition to being a fellow of the Indian National Science Academy and the Royal Society of London, **Dr. Swaminathan** is a fellow of the science academies of Sweden, Italy, United States and USSR. He is a Founder Fellow of the Third World Academy of Sciences.
- **Dr. Swaminathan** is widely regarded as a pioneer of the Economic Ecology Movement. He has published over 200 papers in International journals and also several books. He has chaired several national and international Committees of experts.
- **Dr. Swaminathan** is one of the world's leading agricultural scientist. He played a catalytic role in India's Green Revolution and served as Director General of the International Rice Research Institute, Philippines.
- **Dr. Swaminathan** was at the forefront of one of the most remarkable agricultural accomplishments in recent history – moving India from having the largest food deficit in the world to producing enough grain to feed all its people.
- Over a period of 40 years, **Dr. Swaminathan** has worked in collaboration with Scientists and Policy makers on a wide range of problems in basic and applied plant genetics and agricultural research and development. He has contributed very heavily to education and over 55 students have done their Ph.D. thesis work under his guidance. He is also responsible for having introduced the 'TECHNIRACY' concept of imparting training in the latest technical skills.
- He has started a Centre for research on sustainable agricultural and rural development. The major role of the centre is the development of technologies that can enhance, on an ecologically sustainable and economically viable basis, opportunities for skilled employment and income generation in rural areas.
- Among his many distinguished awards are the Ramon Magsasay Award for Community Leadership (1971), The First Award for serving the cause of women in development (1985), Padma Shri (1967), Padma Bhushan (1972) and Padma Vibhushan (1989). In 1986, he received the Albert Einstein World Award on Science. On 6, October 1987, he became the first Laureate of the World Food Prize, regarded widely as the equivalent of a Nobel Prize in Agriculture.
- On the occasion of his receiving the first World Food Prize at the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, in October 1987, Mr. Javier Perez de Cuellar, Secretary General of the United Nations wrote:  
"Dr. Swaminathan is a living legend. His contributions to agricultural science have made an indelible mark on food production in India and elsewhere in the developing world. By any standards, he will go into the annals of history as a world scientist of rare distinction".
- Dr. N.E. Borlaug Nobel Peace Laureate has written the following on **Dr. Swaminathan**:  
"The Green Revolution has been a team effort and much of the credit for its spectacular development must go to Indian officials, organisations, scientists and farmers. However, to you, **Dr. Swaminathan**, a great deal of the credit must go for first recognising the potential value of the Mexican dwarfs (wheat strains). Had this not occurred, it is quite possible that there would not have been a Green Revolution in Asia".
- **Dr. M.S. Swaminathan** is currently holding various important offices both within the country and outside the country. **Dr. Swaminathan** continues to contribute for the upliftment to Society.
- In spite of his lofty achievements he leads a simple, well disciplined life which is an example for others to follow.

Wishing him health, happiness and many more years of service to society, Members of the Rotary Club of Madras East feel privileged to present to such a highly acclaimed scientist of the world and citizen of India **Dr. M.S. Swaminathan**, this award **For The Sake of Honour**

at Madras, this 7th day of March 1990

  
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