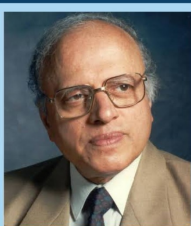


## FATHER OF ECONOMIC ECOLOGY

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**Prof. MS Swaminathan**  
Pioneer of India's Green Revolution

## Homage

Thursday, 28 September, 2023

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With profound respect, we recognize him as the "Father of Economic Ecology," a title bestowed by the United Nations Environment Programme, testament to his pioneering work in the 1960s and 1970s that forever changed the landscape of Indian agriculture.

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In 1987, the world acknowledged his monumental contributions by awarding him the prestigious World Food Prize. With that award, he sowed the seeds of the MS Swaminathan Research Foundation in Chennai, embodying his commitment to sustainable and inclusive agricultural practices.

His accolades, including the Ramon Magsaysay Award in 1971 and the Albert Einstein World Science Award in 1986, spotlighted his unparalleled dedication to humanity. Time magazine acknowledged him as one of the 20 most influential Asians of the 20th century, underscoring the extent of his impact on a global scale.

As we reflect on his remarkable journey, we extend our thoughts and prayers to his wife, Mina, and their three daughters, Soumya, Madhura, and Nitya. Today, we bid farewell to a giant, an icon, and an inspiration.

The passing of M.S. Swaminathan marks the end of an era in Indian agriculture, but his spirit and contributions will forever flourish, nurturing the soil of progress and guiding generations to come. Thank you for dedicating your life to cultivating hope and abundance. Rest in peace, dear Swaminathan, knowing that your legacy continues to grow.

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