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It is gratifying to learn that M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF) is celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event from August 7 to 9 and is also bringing out a Souvenir to mark this special occasion. The prestigious science based research NGO, founded by the architect of Green Revolution, has played a vanguard role since its inception by making seminal contribution for promotion of research and training to achieve the goal of sustainable agricultural and rural development.

Key results and impacts, with sole focus on the welfare of the Indian farmer, spearheaded by the foundation have led to massive policy interventions in the field of agriculture on the national scenario over the years. I am confident the foundation would continue its endeavour in motivating the farmers to adopt innovative farm practices to enhance their productivity both qualitatively as well as quantitatively.

The concerted efforts on the part of MSSRF in making our country self-reliant in food production besides disseminating the newer agricultural technologies and advancements amongst the farmers to develop agriculture on scientific lines are really laudable.

I also take this opportunity to wish a happy and healthy 94<sup>th</sup> birthday to M S Swaminathan which coincides with the holding of this event. I would have loved to be a part of these celebrations, but owing to my pressing official engagements, it is not possible for me to attend the same.

I wish all success to the organisers for their unique initiative in the service of the nation.

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