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MESSAGE FROM THE HON. PRIME MINISTER

Achieving sustainable development requires a coherent science, technology and innovation policy. It must meet targets across various fields, ranging from ecology, economics and education to equity, employment and energy. Today, an inclusive society is an integral aspect of sustained development. It is thus necessary to focus on rural and agricultural development based on scientific research and training.

The M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF) in India has, since its inception in 1988, promoted research into the application of advanced science and technology to enhance ecologically sound agricultural production. It has also disseminated these applications to rural communities. Indeed, it is encouraging to learn that many such communities have reaped the benefits of these efforts, which promise village-level economic growth.

I truly appreciate the tireless work of Prof. M.S. Swaminathan in this regard. An eminent agricultural scientist, he has provoked fresh thinking on integrating the classic and contemporary in scientific strategies to achieve inclusive growth and development with a special focus on strengthening climate resilience.

I'm pleased to congratulate MSSRF on its remarkable 30-year journey. It has ushered in a paradigm shift where science, technology and innovation drive the agricultural sector towards promoting human wellbeing in order to achieve sustainable development in the long run.

Ranil Wickremesinghe
Prime Minister

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