



# National Biodiversity Authority & M S Swaminathan Research Foundation

Cordially invite you to the Inauguration of

*Campaign for creating awareness on  
Lifestyle For Environment (LiFE),  
Promote Millets and Backyard Kitchen Gardens  
among students, farmers and BMC Members*

## Thiru R Sakkarapani

*Hon'ble Minister for Food and Civil Supplies, Consumer Protection and Price Control,  
Government of Tamil Nadu*

*has consented to be the Chief Guest and  
will be delivering the Inaugural address*

## Shri Achalender Reddy, IFS (Retd)

*Chairperson, National Biodiversity Authority, Chennai.*

*Will be delivering the Special Address*

## Dr Soumya Swaminathan

*Chairperson, M S Swaminathan Research Foundation, Chennai.*

*Will be delivering the Presidential Address*

Venue : **Sambasivan Auditorium,  
M S Swaminathan Research Foundation, Taramani, Chennai**

**Date: 28 April 2023 @ 10.00 am**



# Programme

28 April 2023

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| 10.00 – 10.03 am :  | Tamil Thai Vazhthu                  |   |
| 10.03 – 10.05 am :  | Welcome Address                     | <b>Dr G N Hariharan</b><br>Executive Director,<br>M S Swaminathan Research Foundation<br>(MSSRF)  |
| 10.05 – 10.10 am :  | About MSSRF<br>Millet Research      | <b>Dr E D Israel Oliver King</b><br>Director - Biodiversity, MSSRF  |
| 10.10 – 10.15 am :  | Opening Remarks                     | <b>Dr B Balaji, IFS</b><br>Secretary,<br>National Biodiversity Authority  |
| 10.15 – 10.25 am :  | Special Remarks                     | <b>Dr Shekar Kumar Niraj, IFS</b><br>PCCF & Secretary,<br>Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Board   |
| 10.25 – 10.35 am :  | Special Address                     | <b>Shri Achalender Reddy, IFS (Retd)</b><br>Chairperson,<br>National Biodiversity Authority   |
| 10.35 – 10.45 am :  | Presidential Address                | <b>Dr Soumya Swaminathan</b><br>Chairperson, MSSRF  |
| 10.45 – 11.05 am :  | Inaugural Address<br>by Chief Guest | <b>Thiru R Sakkarapani</b><br>Hon'ble Minister for Food and Civil Supplies,<br>Consumer Protection and Price Control,<br>Government of Tamil Nadu |
| 11.05 – 11. 10 am : | Vote of Thanks                      | <b>Dr V R Prabavathy</b><br>Director – Biotechnology, MSSRF   |
| 11.10 am :          | National Anthem                     |   |

## Technical Session

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| 11.30 - 11.45 am   | About LiFE Programme  | <b>Dr K P Raghuram</b><br>Technical Officer, NBA, Chennai  |
| 11.45 - 12.00 noon | Millet Germplasm Resources  | <b>Dr M Vetriventhan</b><br>Senior Scientist (Genetic Resources)<br>ICRISAT, Hyderabad   |
| 12.00 - 12.15 pm   | Inteegrated Approaches in Conservation and Use of Nutrimillet           | <b>Dr E D Israel Oliver King</b><br>Director – Biodiversity, MSSRF   |
| 12.15 - 12.30 pm   | Nutrition and health benefits of millets                                | <b>Dr Shobana Shanmugam</b><br>Senior Scientist & Head, Department of Diabetes Food Technology, Madras Diabetes Research Foundation (MDRF) |
| 12.30 - 12.45 pm   | Nutrigarden / Backyard Kitchen Garden: Pathway to address hidden hunger | <b>Dr G N Hariharan</b><br>Executive Director, MSSRF   |
| 12.45 - 1.00 pm    | Current status of millet consumption from select locations              | <b>Dr R Gopinath</b><br>Principal Scientist, MSSRF   |
| 1.00 - 1.15 pm     | Discussions   |  |
| 1.15 – 2.30 pm     | Lunch   |  |