

**HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF TAMIL NADU THIRU R.N.RAVI
PARTICIPATED AND PRESENTED DR.M.S.SWAMINATHAN AWARD
FOR ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION-2022 ORGANISED BY ROTARY
CLUB MADRAS EAST (RCME) AT M.S. SWAMINATHAN RESEARCH
FOUNDATION, TARAMANI, CHENNAI, TODAY (08.08.2022)**

Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu, Thiru R.N.Ravi participated as Chief Guest and presented Dr.M.S.Swaminathan Award for Environment Protection - 2022 organised by Rotary Club Madras East (RCME) at M.S.Swaminathan Research Foundation, Taramani, Chennai, today (08.08.2022).

In his Chief Guest address, Hon'ble Governor congratulated and greeted Thiru. Dr.K.Keshavalu, President, International Seed Testing Association (ISTA) while presenting the award citation for his dedication and immense contribution to sustainable agricultural production in the country.

Hon'ble Governor recalled the great services of Dr.M.S.Swaminathan in making the country self reliant in food. Governor explained how the colonial rule had destroyed country's agriculture and India was reduced to a food deficit country.

The food crisis was a tough challenge for our country post-independence. Our agricultural scientists and technicians worked hard to accelerate food production. Dr.M.S.Swaminathan and his team made remarkable success in providing better varieties in food crops. The green revolution is a historic phase of our country. Now the challenge is to ensure sustainable agriculture. Reckless use of chemicals and excess exploitation of ground water is causing serious problems for food productivity and also environment. He emphasised on sustainable agriculture practices and through outreach program, make them acceptable among masses.

On this occasion, Thiru.Rama Kumar, President, Rotary Club Madras East ,Thiru.M.Nachiappan, Director (Environment), Thiru.Prabhu Ram, Secretary, Tmt.Revathy Sanjeev, Chairman of M.S.Swaminathan Awards Committee, Thiru.Rarasuraman, M.S. Swaminathan Foundation, distinguished invites, dignitaries, officials were in presence.

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Date : 08.08.2022

Joint Director (PR)