
SCIENCE NEWS

THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA BICENTENNIAL MEDALLION

To mark the Bicentennial of its establishment in 1785 as the First Chartered State University in America, the University of Georgia, USA, has awarded the special medallion to Dr Barbara McClintock, the 1984 Nobel Prize Winner for her work on transposable elements and to Dr M. S. Swaminathan, outstanding Indian geneticist of our time. The medallion was presented to Dr Swaminathan during the First International Congress on Plant Molecular Biology at Savannah, Georgia on 28 October 1985. Dr Swaminathan also gave a scintillating inaugural plenary lecture on 'Plant Research and World Agriculture' thus giving a good start to the Congress.

While presenting the medallion to Dr Swaminathan, Dr F. C. Davison, President of the University of Georgia said the following in recognition of his meritorious contributions to science and service to humanity. 'I have the honour today of presenting the first medallion. The recipient is one of your most distinguished colleagues, Dr M. S. Swaminathan, Director General of the International Rice Research Institute'.

For more than 30 years, Dr Swaminathan has conducted research in basic and applied plant genetics and agriculture. His work, mainly with potato, wheat and rice species, has furthered our understanding of the functions and influences of genes in plants. The volume, the scope and the impact of his research are matched by few in this generation.

Dr Swaminathan's work has substantially enlarged the body of scientific knowledge. But more importantly, it has literally meant life to millions of people around the world. The increased yields of rice and wheat that have resulted from his research, and the work of the rice research institute, have provided food and hope in place of previous hunger and despair. So dramatic has been the rise in production that some communities have become self-sustaining.

I can offer no finer tribute to Dr Swaminathan than to repeat what Dr Norman Borlaug said when he won the 1970 Nobel Peace Prize. Referring to Dr Swaminathan's research with Mexican Dwarfs, Dr Bourlaug said, 'If this work has not occurred, it is quite possible that there would not have been a green revolution in Asia'.

The accomplishments and contributions of Dr Swaminathan have been recognized and acclaimed throughout the world. It is an honour for me, on behalf of the University of Georgia, to present him this Bicentennial medallion, which carries with it our highest esteem and deepest respect for his service to science and to humanity".

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CORRIGENDUM

In the Advertisement No. SE-1/86 published in the Newspapers/Journal, please read the Qualifications prescribed for the posts of Scientist B as: "First Class B.E. in Civil Engineering or M.Tech./M.E. in Structural Engineering. Candidates having 3 to 4 years experience in analysis, design and construction of complex structures will be preferred".

The other terms and conditions as earlier notified remaining unchanged, the last date for obtaining the application forms from the undersigned has been extended from **31st March, 1986**, to **10th April, 1986**, and the last date for submitting the completed applications in the prescribed form has been extended from **15th April, 1986**, to **25th April, 1986**.

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