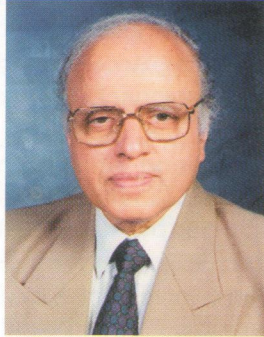


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## M. S. SWAMINATHAN RESEARCH FOUNDATION

**M. S. Swaminathan**

*Chairman*



### MESSAGE

One of the major UN Millennium Development Goals relates to women's empowerment. This is fundamental to sustainable human security and happiness. The Draupadi Trust has within a few years demonstrated how we can help women to build their own capabilities and play their rightful role in all aspects of national development. The activities undertaken by the Trust since 2003 as well as those proposed to be undertaken during the next few years are most meaningful and timely. I wish the Trust continued success in its mission to make a difference in the lives of the over 500 million women in our country. I congratulate Ms Neera Misra and the other dedicated Trustees of Draupadi for their labour of love and commitment to the cause of gender justice and equity.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. S. Swaminathan'.

M S Swaminathan