**Obituary- Padma Bhushan Dr. M. Mahadevappa**

It is indeed a sad news that Padma Bhushan Dr. M. Mahadevappa, former Chairman, ASRB passed away on 6 March, 2021 in Mysore. We are indeed shocked to have lost a renowned geneticist, an able administrator and an excellent human being. He had served on many prestigious positions in the national agricultural research system and received several awards in recognition of his outstanding achievements in the field of crop improvement, especially hybrid rice breeding. India has lost a true son who worked all through for the betterment of farming community. The void so created will be difficult to fill.

On behalf of all the trustees and members of Trust for Advancement of Agricultural Sciences (TAAS), we convey our sincere condolences and pray the Almighty to give peace to the departed soul and enough courage and strength to the bereaved family to bear this loss with fortitude.