

Death of Norman Borlaug

The man who averted near famine conditions in India at the latter half of the twentieth century by developing high yielding crops and ushering the green revolution died at the age of 95 (*The Hindu*, 14th September 2009). He was the brain behind developing high yielding crops of wheat and was awarded the Nobel prize in 1970 – the only instance of the prize being awarded for Agriculture.

M.S. Swaminathan paying tribute to Borlaug has said he was ‘a bright affirming flame in the midst of a sea of despair, then prevailing’. He was a man of extraordinary humanism, commitment to a hunger free world and knew no nationality’.