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To,

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Subject: Many Congratulations on Padma Shri Recognition

Dear Dr. Vasal,

On behalf of the **Grain Ethanol Manufacturers Association (GEMA)**, it is with great pride and heartfelt admiration that I extend warmest congratulations to you on being conferred the **Padma Shri** by Hon'ble President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu, in New Delhi on 28.04.2025 for your outstanding contributions to agricultural science and Industrial crop development.

This esteemed honor is a fitting tribute to your exceptional contributions as a geneticist and plant breeder, particularly for your pivotal role in the development of **Quality Protein Maize (QPM)**. As the "**Miracle Maize Man**", your pioneering work has had a profound and lasting impact on raising from income by obtaining higher yielding maize crop. Your vision to enhance the nutritional value of maize by incorporating low-nutrient corn has created a sustainable impact on both health outcomes and food systems worldwide.

It also aligns with GEMA's mission to promote sustainable, value-added uses of maize, especially in areas of renewable energy, animal nutrition and to raise farmer's income.

Dr. Vasal, your legacy inspires the entire agri-scientific and manufacturing community. We at GEMA are deeply grateful for your lifelong commitment to bettering the world through science and innovation.

Once again, congratulations on this national recognition. We salute your dedication and wish you continued health, happiness, and success.

With regards,



Dr. C. K. Jain, President

Grain Ethanol Manufacturers Association (GEMA)