



**Intergovernmental Institution for the use of Micro-algae Spirulina Against Malnutrition**  
**INTERGOVERNMENTAL OBSERVER TO THE UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL**

"There are people in the world so hungry that God cannot appear to them except in the form of bread"  
"Hay personas en el mundo tan hambrientas que Díos no puede a parecerles a ellos más que en la forma de pan"  
" Il y a des gens dans le monde qui sont si affamés que Dieu ne peut leur apparaitre que sous la forme d'un pain."

***Mahatma Gandhi***

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**IIMSAM joins hands with the SAINIK WELFARE ORGANIZATION, SWO, from the Republic of India to eradicate malnutrition and secure the United Nation Millennium Development Goals through Spirulina**



(Lt. Col. Rakesh Rana, Chairman - SWO receiving Keerti Chakra from the former President of the Republic of India, H.E. R. Venkataraman; and Lt. Col. Rakesh Rana receiving meritorious award from Mrs. Sheela Dixit, Chief Minister of Delhi )

**(IIMSAM Headquarters, New York, 23rd December 2009)** Firmly believing in forging global partnership to eradicate malnutrition and secure the United Nations Millennium Development Goals through Spirulina which was declared by the United Nations World Food Conference of 1974 as ***the best food for the future***, IIMSAM joined hands with the Sainik Welfare Organization, SWO, from the Republic of India.

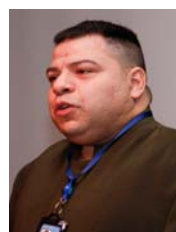
Sainik Welfare Organization, SWO, is an ISO 9001:2008 charitable organization based in New Delhi that is involved in providing low cost housing solutions to the soldiers of the Indian defence and paramilitary forces.

H.E. Ambassador Manish Uprety, IIMSAM's Special Envoy to South Asia and emissary of the IIMSAM Director General H.E. Ambassador Remigio Maradona met with Lt. Colonel Rakesh Rana, KC, Chairman of the Sainik Welfare Organization to explore and develop synergies in order to

mainstream the use of Spirulina to counter malnutrition in India through the national network and appeal of the SWO. India with maximum number of malnourished people in the world is a priority area for IIMSAM to initiate its Spirulina Nutritional Initiatives.

The year 2010 shall see an official visit of IIMSAM Director General H.E. Ambassador Remigio Maradona to the country and launch of IIMSAM Spirulina Initiatives that shall help the country eradicate malnutrition by mainstreaming the use of Spirulina as a food-fortification tool for the peoples.

**Lt. Col. Rakesh Rana, KC, Chairman of the Sainik Welfare Organization stated-** *It is indeed an honour for SWO and myself to be a participant and stakeholder to realise IIMSAM's mandate of a world free of malnutrition and hunger through Spirulina. I am confident that SWO through its national presence and firm determination shall play a pivotal role to spread awareness and initiate programmes that utilise Spirulina to eradicate malnutrition. It is the duty of one and all to commit oneself diligently to the cause of the nation so that the basic needs of each one are fulfilled. On behalf of the SWO, I look forward to initiate malnutrition eradication programmes during the forthcoming visit of the Director General, H.E. Amb. Remigio Maradona to India that shall harness the potential of Spirulina to eradicate malnutrition from the country.*



**IIMSAM Director General H.E. Amb. Remigio Maradona while congratulating the SWO and the Chairman Lt. Col Rakesh Rana, KC stated-** *The tremendous progress made by the SWO within a very short span of time under the able leadership of the chairman Col. Rakesh Rana is indeed phenomenal. An excellent example of able leadership befitting an officer and a gentleman that helped the SWO spread its operations across India to provide low cost housing solutions is worthy of emulation. I am confident that the SWO shall be an important stakeholder of IIMSAM to eradicate malnutrition and secure the UN MDGs through Spirulina in India. I extend to the peoples of India season's greetings and a very happy new year. I look forward to visit the country in 2010.*

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### ***WHAT THE UN SAYS ABOUT SPIRULINA***

*“There is a need for both national governments and inter-governmental organizations to re-evaluate the potential of Spirulina to fulfill both their own food security needs as well as a tool for their overseas development emergency response efforts”-*

*The UN-Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) Report on Spirulina 2008*

*“For WHO, Spirulina represents an interesting food for multiple reasons, rich in iron and protein, and is able to be administered to children without any risk. We at WHO consider it a very suitable food” –*

*United Nations World Health Organization (WHO), Geneva, Switzerland June 8Th, 1993*

*Spirulina- was declared by the United Nations World Food Conference of 1974 as the best food for the future-*

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