India has been fortunate that we have had dedicated men of science, with vision, like Dr. Swaminathan and Dr. Yashpal. They managed to help lift our nation from total poverty to plenty by taking science to the common masses. As Dr. Swaminathan commented, “it was the unique symmetry and chemistry between the scientist, the politician and the administrator that drove our scientific efforts to self-reliance”.

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**Food for the Brain**

The article Does Your Food Affect Your Intelligence? by Priyanka Sharma (SR, March 2016) in which she explains the role and importance of food for our intelligence was very informative. The food we eat does not just affect our body but affects our brain also. If we need our brain to function well then we have to give it proper diet and keep our body fit because a healthy mind exists in a healthy body. But today the quality of food and fast foods like noodles, pasta etc. are making this a challenge i.e. to keep our body fit.

Nutrients are very important for the development of a child’s brain during his early age. And if the child’s food does not provide those nutrients then that child will be unable to perform well in academics, sports or any other field.

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**GM Crops**

In the November issue of Science Reporter an article was published on Genetically Modified Crops: Need for Rational Evaluation. It was excellent and I was very excited to read the article.

Biotechnologists will have to introduce new technologies through which the farmers can gain more profits. Transgenic technologies could be helpful for the farmers, if this technology is applied properly. It is being said that the seeds of genetically modified crops may change the nature of the soil and that transgenic crops may be harmful for biodiversity. All these concerns must be evaluated and taken into account before going in for transgenic crops.

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