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Dr. R.S. Paroda delivered the 20th Convocation of National Dairy Research Institute (NDRI), Karnal



Padma Bhushan Dr. R.S. Paroda, Chairman, Trust for Advancement of Agricultural Sciences (TAAS), Former Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and Secretary, Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE), Government of India, was invited as Chief Guest to deliver the Convocation Address on the occasion of the 20th Convocation of National Dairy Research Institute (NDRI), Karnal, held on 15 March 2024.

Dr R.S. Paroda commended the

National Dairy Research Institute for its exceptional service to the dairy sector. He acknowledged the Institute's unwavering efforts, highlighting its longstanding position as the top performer among all State Agricultural Universities. Dr. Paroda emphasized the critical challenge of nutritional security facing the agriculture and dairy

sectors. While acknowledging significant progress in food security, he stressed the need for further advancements in ensuring balanced nutrition for all. He attributed India's current position, exceeding the global average in milk availability per capita (over 400 grams), to the industriousness in the agricultural sector which needs to further increase. This progress, coupled with improved food security and nutritional security, has demonstrably led to a doubling of the average lifespan since independence. Dr Paroda also addressed the pressing issue of climate change, urging the audience to consider international agreements on this front and work towards sustainable solutions.

A total of 278 students were awarded degrees, out of which 49 students were awarded B. Tech degree, 127 students Master's degree and 102 researchers awarded PhD degree. On this occasion, Dr K.M. Bujarbarua, former Vice Chancellor, Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat and Dr D.V.K Prakashrao, Managing Director, Prakash Foods and Feed Pvt. Ltd., Chennai were conferred with honorary degrees by the Deemed University.

