



80th Birthday Celebration of Dr Raj Paroda, Founder Chairman, TAAS

On the Occasion of National Symposium of Food, Nutrition and Environmental Security dedicated to Dr Raj Paroda on his 80th birthday, TAAS, NAAPS, ISPGR and Alliance of Bioversity International & CIAT jointly organised a felicitation function in the evening of 29 August, 2022. The event was also co-sponsored by ICRISAT, CIMMYT and IRRI. The evening function was a grand success attended by over 150 participants including the dignitaries, symposium delegates, special invitees and the relatives and friends of Dr Raj Paroda.

A short film on '[Strengthening National Agricultural Research Systems](#)' narrating inspiring 80 years' long journey of Dr Paroda was projected covering his outstanding professional contributions nationally and globally.

Also a video of [messages from eminent persons from India and abroad](#), including Dr M S Swaminathan, Dr Ismail Serageldin, Ministers of Agriculture of Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan, and few more congratulating Dr Paroda was shown. Besides, several senior leaders present physically had expressed their views and congratulated Dr Paroda.

On this occasion, three publications were also released. Dr Paroda felt overwhelmed and at the end of the event expressed his grateful thanks to all those who had joined or sent their messages.

The event was followed by cake cutting, social get-to-gather and reception dinner.

The two recorded videos, three publications and some photos covering the event are provided at the links below and attached for kind perusal.

- [A short film on Strengthening National Agricultural Research Systems](#)
- [Video of Messages from Eminent Persons](#)
- [ISPGR Journal Special Issue : Genetic Resource Management : Road Ahead \(Special Issue featuring a Detailed Interview with Dr. Paroda\)](#)
- [Strategy Paper – “Towards Secure and Sustainable Agriculture” – by Dr. R.S. Paroda](#)
- [Strategy Paper – “Towards Secure and Sustainable Agriculture” – by Dr. R.S. Paroda Hindi Version](#)
- [Glimpse of the Function in Camera Clicks](#)