

# Hector & Andrew Stewart Memorial Lecture 2018

by Dr Raj Paroda

Tuesday, 27 November 2018 @ 5.00pm  
Bayliss Lecture Theatre G:33, UWA



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## Innovation led agricultural growth and sustainable development goals (SDGs)

Poverty and hunger are currently the main challenges around the world. In view of these concerns, the global leaders had met at the UN Sustainable Development Summit in September 2015 and decided to end poverty, remove hunger, protect the planet and ensure prosperity for all.

They all agreed to adopt 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to be achieved by 2030. Of these SDGs, over half relate to global food security and nutrition and four are directly related to hunger. These are: 'no poverty', 'zero hunger', 'climate action' and 'life on land'. Thus, the Sustainable Development Agenda framework, also popularly known as "The Future We Want", provides an opportunity to work together to achieve these goals.

This lecture will focus on the challenges and hurdles towards a socially, environmentally and economically sustainable development of agricultural sector in India and offer possible solutions to address them.

The presentation will also highlight the impact of some on-going efforts on outscaling innovations, policy interventions, reorientation of extension system and some exciting developments that have led to faster agricultural growth in the recent past. It would also emphasise on the need for urgent technology and policy related interventions to accelerate agricultural growth in order to remain globally competitive.

The presentation will be provocative on solutions to current problems and is expected to generate a lively discussion.

### About Dr Paroda

Dr Raj Paroda, former Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) & Secretary, Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE), Government of India, holds a unique perspective as an accomplished scientist, able research administrator and development practitioner.

He is well known for modernization and strengthening of the national agricultural research system (NARS) in India as well as in many countries.

The Government of India has recognized his contributions to the advancement of agriculture by bestowing on him the prestigious national Padma Bhusan award, amongst many others.

Dr Paroda was the founding chairman of Global Forum on Agricultural Research based at the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization in Rome. He also served as President of the Indian Science Congress and President of the National Academy of Agricultural Sciences.

Currently, he is the Founder, Chairman of the Trust for Advancement of Agricultural Sciences (TAAS), New Delhi.



### Hector and Andrew Stewart Memorial Lectureship

The Hector and Andrew Stewart Memorial Lecture is in honour of the late Hon Hector J Stewart, MLC, and his son, the late Mr Andrew M. Stewart, both Wagin wool growers. Mr Stewart Jr was President of UWA's Guild of Undergraduates in 1929 and was invited to join the teaching staff at the University in 1937. He was twice Dean of UWA's Faculty of Agriculture.

The inaugural Hector and Andrew Stewart memorial lecture was 51 years ago in 1966 by Professor TJ Robinson on 'Sheep Fertility Research - Its Potential for Western Australia. The lecture series is held every two years.

### Event Details:

**Date:** Tuesday, 27 November 2018  
**Time:** 5.00pm - 6.00pm  
**Venue:** Bayliss Lecture Theatre G:33  
The University of WA  
Crawley 6009  
**Cost:** Free but RSVP essential via :  
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