



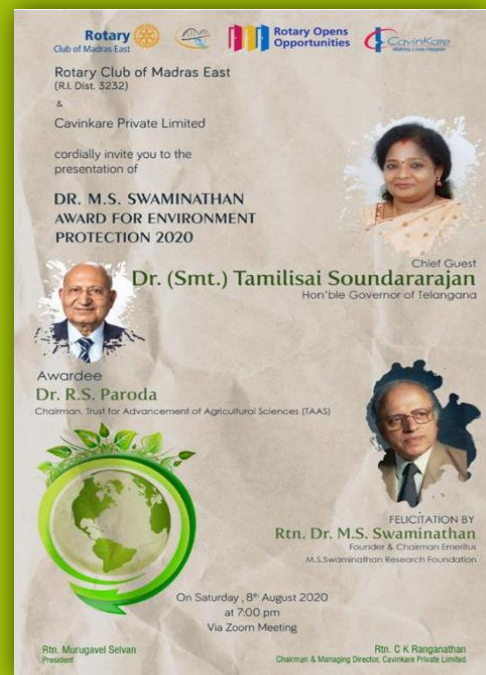
Dr Raj Paroda receives Dr M.S. Swaminathan Award for Environment Protection 2020



Via a zoom meeting held at 7:00 p.m. onwards on Saturday, the 8th August, 2020, the very prestigious Dr M.S. Swaminathan Award for Environment Protection 2020, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Madras East (RCME), was conferred on Dr Raj Paroda, Chairman, TAAS.

Dr. (Smt.) TAMILISAI Soundararajan, Hon'ble Governor of Telangana was the Chief Guest on the occasion.

The conferment is in recognition of Dr Paroda's enormous and significant contributions in the field of plant breeding and genetic resource management. Dr Paroda, under his leadership of ICAR, established a large number of institutions (more than 30) in the field of crops, horticulture, livestock, natural resource management, fisheries, agricultural engineering, and social science sectors. Besides the National Gene Bank, he established a strong genetic resource management system in India, through creation of Bureaux on Animal, Fish, Insects and Micro-Organisms. The ICRISAT has named its Gene Bank as 'Raj S. Paroda Gene Bank'.



Dr Paroda is the first Indian scientist to receive this award. The past recipients of this Award include: Dr Ismail Seragaldin, former Vice-President of Sustainable Development at the World Bank; Dr Jeffrey Sachs, former Head, Earth Institute, Columbia University; Dr Sartaj Aziz, former Foreign Minister and Principal Advisor to the Prime Minister of Pakistan; Dr Bruce Alberts, former President, National Academy of Sciences, USA; Dr David Bergvinson, former Director General, ICRISAT; and Ambassador Kenneth Quinn, President, The World Food Prize Foundation.

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