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'Bhartiya Krishi Gaurav Award' Bestowed on Padma Bhushan Dr Raj Paroda



Padma Bhushan Awardee Dr RS Paroda, Chairman, Trust for Advancement of Agricultural Sciences (TAAS), New Delhi, and former DG, ICAR & Secretary, DARE, Govt. of India, has been conferred with the prestigious *"Bhartiya Krishi Gaurav Award"*. This esteemed honor was presented by Maharana Pratap University of Agriculture & Technology (MPUAT), Udaipur, and the Entomological Research Association (ERA).

The award acknowledges Dr Paroda's exceptional lifetime contributions to the field of Plant Protection and his pivotal role in modernizing India's national agricultural research system. The conferment took place during the inaugural session of the National Conference on "Advances in Sustainable Plant Protection under Changing Agriculture Scenario," held at Rajasthan College of

Agriculture, MPUAT, Udaipur, from 18–20 September 2025.

Prof. Ajeet Kumar Karnatak, Vice Chancellor of MPUAT, presented the award, which was graciously received on behalf of Dr Paroda by Dr Bhagirath Choudhary of the South Asia Biotechnology Centre. The ceremony was graced by the presence of several distinguished scientists from across the country, including Dr JP Singh, PPA, Govt. of India; Dr Sushil Kumar, Director, NBAIR, Bengaluru; Dr SK Sharma, ADG (HR), ICAR, New Delhi; Dr Manoj Mahala, Dean, College of Agriculture, MPUAT; Dr OP Gill, ex Vice Chancellor, MPUAT; Dr US Sharma, ex Vice



Chancellor, MPUAT, Udaipur.

On this significant occasion, MPUAT and ERA also presented a documentary video titled "A Visionary par excellence – DrRaj S Paroda," celebrating the remarkable life and contributions of Dr. Raj Paroda. You can view the documentary here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VOz6cb5NGoU>

The Bhartiya Krishi Gaurav Award is a truly well-deserved recognition of his extraordinary journey and lifelong dedication to Indian agriculture.

Let us all celebrate this proud achievement and extend our heartfelt congratulations to Dr Paroda!

