

Sadhguru Isha Foundation Team Visited TAAS

On March 9, 2025, a team from the Sadhguru Isha Foundation, consisting of Ms Praveena Sridhar, Ms Indu Madhavan, and Ms Mahathi Aguvavedi, visited the Trust for Advancement of Agricultural Sciences (TAAS) office. The purpose of their visit was to discuss the Isha Foundation's Save Soil mission – a global initiative led by Sadhguru dedicated to combating soil degradation and fostering healthy soil for a sustainable future. This movement champions policies that promote increasing organic matter in agricultural soils and has garnered support from numerous UN organizations and nations.

Under the chairmanship of Padma Bhushan Dr RS Paroda, Chairman of TAAS, Former Director General of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), and Former Secretary of the Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE), Government of India, a comprehensive discussion took place. The focus was on addressing soil degradation and promoting sustainable agriculture.



In addition to Isha Foundation team members, Drs JC Katiyar, AK Singh, Dr BS Dwivedi, Bhag Mal, V Sadamate, RK Tyagi participated in the discussion



Following the discussion, Dr Paroda recommended urgent establishment of: (i) a National Soil Health Policy, (ii) a National Mission on Sustainable Agriculture, and (iii) a Council of Sustainable Agriculture. He also suggested organizing a brainstorming session to expedite policy development related to soil health. Furthermore, Dr Paroda proposed that TAAS and the Sadhguru Isha Foundation consider jointly hosting a national-level symposium addressing crucial issues related to soil health, land use patterns, and relevant policy matters. Dr Paroda invited the Isha Foundation team to participate in the upcoming agroforestry symposium being organized by TAAS and ICARF in New Delhi.

