

## Raj Paroda Rose

A rose variety has been named after Dr Rajendra Singh Paroda, on his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday (28<sup>th</sup> August 2022), as a tribute to his outstanding contributions to agricultural research and development in India. “**Raj Paroda Rose**” is a large (4–5-inch diameter), slow opening Hybrid Tea double flower (45+ rolled petals) of immature shape and form, with distinct high centre borne on strong stiff stems having bright green leaves. Outer petals pure green in shape when young blossoming into soft pink colour on maturity. Dr Sanjay Mukherjee, an eminent rose breeder from Kolkata bred a new rose variety and named it “**Raj Paroda Rose**”.



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**Dr Rajendra Singh Paroda** is the founding Chairman of Trust for Advancement of Agricultural Sciences (TAAS). Dr Paroda has made valuable contributions in the field of agriculture both as a researcher and an able administrator. His contributions in the field of plant breeding and genetic resource management are globally recognized. During the period 1994-2001, Dr Paroda spearheaded and modernized the national agricultural research system (NARS) as Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and Secretary, Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE), Govt of India. Recognizing his enormous contributions in the field of agricultural research, Government of India had bestowed on him the prestigious enormous contributions in the field of agricultural research, Government of India had bestowed on ‘*Padma Bhushan*’ Award in 1998. He is recipient of several awards and recognitions, namely Rafi Ahmad Kidwai Prize, ICAR Team Research Award, FICCI Award, Om Prakash Bhasin Award, BP Pal Gold Medal, Norman E. Borlaug Award, Agricultural Today Award, Mahendra Shiromani Award, AB Joshi Award, US Awasthi-IFFCO Award and MS Swaminathan Award. He has also served as President, Indian Science Congress (2001) and President, National Academy of Agricultural Sciences (1997-2000). Twenty universities have awarded him DSc (Honoris Causa) degree including Ohio



State University and Indian Agricultural Research Institute. He is Fellow of almost all important science academies in India, Third World Academy of Sciences, Italy, Russian Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Agriculture Academics of Armenia, Georgia and Tajikistan and Honorary Member of American Society of Crop Science and American Society of Agronomy. Recently, he has been elected as Foreign Fellow of Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering (ASTE). Dr Paroda had been the founder chairman of Global Forum on Agricultural Research (GFAR), from 1997-2002 based at FAO, Rome. He also served for more than two decades (1992-2014) as Executive Secretary of Asia-Pacific Association of Agricultural Research Institutions (APAARI), FAO, Bangkok. Dr Paroda also served as Chairman, Farmers Commission of Haryana from 2010-2014. He was also a member of Advisory Committee of ACIAR, CABI and WMO, was Chairman of Board of Trustees of ICRISAT, and Member of Finance Committee and SIMEC of CGIAR. Currently, he is serving on the Board of International Fertilizer Development Center (IFDC), Alabama, USA. Under his dynamic leadership, more than 30 new national institutions were created in crops, horticulture, livestock, natural resource management, fishery, agricultural engineering and social science sectors. The prestigious National Agriculture Technology Project (NATP) to reorient agricultural research, education and extension system of India was designed and negotiated with World Bank for US \$ 250 million in 1998 under his dynamic leadership.

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