

National Soil Health Policy Development Meeting (June 12, 2025)

TAAS organized a high-level meeting in hybrid mode to advance the development of a comprehensive National Soil Health Policy for India, on 12 June 2025, engaging leading experts and stakeholders under Chairmanship of Dr RS Paroda, Chairman, TAAS, New Delhi.

Other members who were present in-person were: Drs AK Singh, Bhag Mal, RK Tyagi. Additionally, Drs JC Katyal, BS Dwivedi, Ch. Srinivasarao, Yash Sehrawat, Ms Praveena, Ms Indu, Ms Mahathi (Sadhguru Foundation) joined virtually.

The meeting focused on collaborative planning, resource sharing, and establishing a clear roadmap for policy formulation. Plans were made to engage a wide range of institutions—including ICAR, NBSS&LUP, the Indian Institute of Science, and various NGOs—to ensure an inclusive and holistic approach. A dedicated technical support group, chaired by Dr Srinivasarao, has



been formed to provide expertise and coordinate future initiatives. Participants agreed to share key policy documents, frameworks, and international best practices to inform the drafting process. The team will organize regional-level consultations to address India's diverse soil conditions and ensure the policy reflects local needs. To facilitate progress, a Google Drive will be set up for sharing reference materials and tracking tasks, with regular meetings. The group aims to

host a national consultation or dialogue by November 2025, with the goal of presenting progress at the upcoming International Agronomy Congress.

This collaborative initiative marks a significant step toward safeguarding India's soil health and ensuring sustainable agricultural growth.


