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TAAS Hosts the Visit of Dr Ismail Serageldin

The Trust for Advancement of Agricultural Sciences (TAAS) hosted Dr Ismail Serageldin, Former Chairman of CGIAR and Founding Director of the Bibliotheca Alexandrina (BA), the new Library of Alexandria, during his visit to the TAAS office on 30 June 2026. Dr Serageldin also served as Vice President, World Bank and is currently serving as Emeritus Librarian and Member of the Board of Trustees of the Library of Alexandria.



Welcoming the distinguished guest, Dr RS Paroda, Chairman, TAAS, described Dr Serageldin as a world-renowned scientist, philosopher,



and visionary thinker. He expressed his delight and privilege in hosting him, even for a brief visit, and highlighted the opportunity to take a quick round of the Pusa Campus, including the institute, library building, residences, and the TAAS office. Several colleagues from ICAR, IARI, and TAAS had the opportunity to interact with

Dr Serageldin during the dinner gathering and expressed deep admiration for his remarkable contributions and inspiring personality.

Dr ML Jat expressed happiness at the opportunity to interact with two outstanding mentors, Dr RS Paroda and Dr Ismail Serageldin, both of whom have consistently championed the cause of the Global South. He expressed hope for their continued guidance and support for the growth and development of agriculture.



Dr Ismail Serageldin mentioned that it was indeed a memorable experience to visit the IARI campus and the TAAS office, reconnect with old colleagues, meet new friends, and enjoy the warmth and hospitality extended during the wonderful evening gathering.

