

A Visionary Turns 82: Birthday Wishes for Dr RS Paroda



*Dear Raj,
Congratulations on your birthday. It is a beautiful poem, very nicely composed, and yet impressively long and highly informative of your numerous accomplishments.*

Best regards

Rattan Lal

Distinguished Professor, Ohio State University, USA

*Raj,
Belated Happy Birthday.
A great poem for a great visionary.
God bless!*

Willie

William Dar

*Former Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Philippines and
Former DG, ICRISAT, Hyderabad, India*

*Dear Paroda Jee: Very nice fact-based poem on your B'Day. You deserve it
and enjoy it.*

Have a nice/happy Birth Day.

Udaí Bishnoi

Professor Emeritus

Alabama A&M University, USA

*"Happy 82nd birthday to a legendary figure in Indian agriculture, Dr. R.S.
Paroda sir.*

*Your tireless contributions to agricultural research, education, and policy
have transformed the lives of countless farmers and rural communities. Your
leadership and vision have inspired thousands of scientists, researchers, and
policymakers. May this special day be filled with joy, love, and celebration of
your remarkable achievements. Here's to many more years of your guidance,
wisdom, and continued impact on Indian agriculture!"*

Best wishes and profound regards

BN Tripathi

Former DDG (AS), ICAR and

VC, SKUAST-J, Jammu

Respected Dr Raj Parodaji,

I thank you for sharing the poems by Dr Sanajy Deshmukhji. While conveying my heartfelt greetings on your 82nd birthday I pray for Lord of Seven Hills, Lord Venkateswara, BALAJI to shower His choicest blessings on you and family and grant you the much deserved Padma Vibhushan (belated!!).

It was a thrilling experience to read the poems so well written in two cantos with total of 82 poems that graphically describe in poetic form your overall work, achievements at each stage and your struggle, foresight, concern about farmers, establishment of large number of facilities to encourage young scientists, your care and concern with compassion to farmers' needs, well a widely covered poem. It is possible only by a person who knows you personally, followed every activity of yours to document with authority and kudos to Dr. Sanjayji. You and your family deserve much such an expression of true love, friendship and well-wisher.

I am indeed glad that your vast experience would help in our commitment in the Society for Hunger Elimination (SHE) to strive hard to achieve 'Zero Hunger India' the dream of Bharatha Ratna Dr. M. S. Swaminathan. With one more feather of Padma Vibhushan added to your crown in 2025 we can hope for better days to plan strategies for SHE to widen its objectives.

Again, our best wishes to you Sir,

With best regards,

V Rajagopal

*President, Society for Hunger Elimination (SHE), Tirupati
Former Director, CPCRI, Kasargod, Kerala*

Esteemed Mentor and Beloved Guide,

As the sun reaches its zenith on this auspicious day of your eighty-second year, I find myself compelled to pen these words of deep reverence and affection. With a heart brimming with gratitude and admiration, I extend to you my sincerest wishes for a birthday that mirrors the grandeur of your enduring contributions to our beloved field.

Your journey has been a melody of unparalleled harmony in the symphony of life and labour. In celebration of this remarkable milestone, I have endeavored to craft a humble ode that encapsulates the essence of your life's work. Entitled "Eighty-Two Harvest- A Tribute to Dr. Raj S. Paroda," this poem is - A Tribute to Dr. Raj S. Paroda", this poem is proof of your remarkable odyssey and your profound impact on our world.

The poem, an eighty-two-stanza tribute, endeavours to weave together the tapestry of your illustrious career, from the golden fields of your early endeavors to the grand halls of scientific discovery. Each stanza seeks to illuminate the virtues and achievements that have defined your remarkable life, celebrating the seeds you have sown and the countless lives you have touched.

In the quietude of my reflections, I am continually reminded of the words of the great sage, and I find solace in invoking Prabhu Shree Ram's blessings for your continued good health and enduring peace. May your days be filled with the joy you have so generously imparted to others, and may you continue to inspire with the same brilliance that has illuminated your journey thus far.

With heartfelt reverence and warmest regards,

Sanjay Deshmukh

*Former Vice-Chancellor,
UNIVERSITY OF MUMBAI*

[\(Poem by Dr Sanjay Deshmukh\)](#)

Dear Dr. Paroda,

Greetings !

As we mark the 82nd birthday of the indefatigable Dr. Rajinder Singh Paroda, I am reminded of the profound impact this extraordinary individual has had on the realm of agriculture and beyond. A titan of science, a maestro of management, and a leader of uncommon compassion, Dr. Paroda's remarkable odyssey has left an indelible imprint on our collective consciousness.

My own tenure at ICAR HQ, New Delhi, afforded me the privilege of witnessing firsthand Dr. Paroda's visionary leadership, his unwavering dedication to excellence, and his unshakeable commitment to the betterment of our world. The plethora of accolades that have adorned his illustrious career, including the esteemed Padma Vibhushan, serve as a testament to his tireless endeavors and his unyielding passion for the pursuit of knowledge.

As we celebrate this milestone birthday, I offer my warmest felicitations to Dr. Paroda, praying that the Almighty may continue to bless him with robust health, unbridled joy, and an unwavering sense of purpose. May his life remain a beacon of inspiration, illuminating the path for generations to come. HAPPY 82nd BIRTHDAY, Dr. Paroda!

May this special day be filled with laughter, love, and the warmth of cherished relationships.

My regards to Shashi ji

Raj Kachru

Former ADG (Agric. Engg.), ICAR, New Delhi

Respected Sir. Belated happy Birthday. Pray the Almighty for a healthy life and may the science and society remain blessed with your visionary leadership. The testimony by Dr Kachru is so true and close to heart of many more like me. Sir your blessing both professionally and personally has be beacon of inspiration and embellishment of career and personal life pathway. I pray Almighty we be lucky with your blessings for many more years. My regards to madam too.

Thanking you

With best regards

Yash Sehwat

IFDC, Muscle Shoals, Alabama, USA

Dear Sir many many happy returns of the day. May you continue to shine like the Sun and giving the energy to rest of the scientific community. May you continue to blossom like rose and continue to spread the fragrance of your love affection and care all around. May you live centuries more with good health and happiness.

Dr Ashwini Pareek, Director, NABI, Mohali

Respected Sir:

Wish you a very happy birthday ! May this day is filled with all joy with your family.

You have been mentoring a number of people, I also feel lucky as started my research career under your mentoring, then achieving, growing due to your blessings and still fortunate to be associated with you. I need your blessing all the time in future also.

Best regards, Sir.

Rishi Tyagi

Former Coordinator, APCoAB, APAARI, Bangkok, Thailand

Respected Sir, Happy birthday! Your pioneering work in agriculture has made this day memorable for us and the farming community. Farmers became Padma awardees because of your guidance and mentorship, sir. May your innovative spirit continue to inspire us more and more years

We are expecting second Bharat Ratna in Agriculture just because of you, Sir.

With best regards,

Prateesh, Division of Genetics, IARI, New Delhi

Thank you for sharing this heartwarming message conveying your most outstanding contributions as a real visionary in the field of agriculture. You are blessed child of God to educate the people around you .

With my best regards & prayer for your good health . I am running 85 living alone with a constant prayer in my heart I am not alone God is with me. Why fear when God is here!

My heartfelt love & prayers for your welfare.

A N Mukhopadhyay

Former VC, Assam Agricultural university, Jorhat

Respected Sir

Wish you a very happy and healthy 82nd Birthday to you from my family and RLBCAU. It has been an honour and privilege of working under your leadership . The contribution made by your visionary leadership has been immense on the national and international arena. Simply you are a role model for the generations to come. May God bless you with best of the health to guide the students, scientists, farmers and all others for betterment of society.

Kind regards.

Dr AK Singh

former DDG (Extn) ICAR and currently VC, CAU, Jhansi

Most Respected Sir

You have always inspired me by leading a life of purpose and service to society. Your actions speak volumes about dedication and compassion. Watching you tirelessly work for the greater good motivates me to strive for a meaningful life, where success is measured not just by personal accomplishments but by the positive impact on others. Your example encourages me to live with intention and contribute to making a difference in the world. Thank you for being a guiding light of inspiration.

Pradip

Scientist, ICAR-NDRJ

Karnal

Sir Happy belated birthday. You are great. I read completely and your great contribution for the farming and scientists' community. It has been nicely written. I saw you went to Wales for postdoctoral. I was also awarded postdoctoral commonwealth fellowship for university college of North Wales to work with Professor JL Harper. But unfortunately, I could not go as my PhD supervisor was in Wales when I applied. To finish my theses quickly, I got my Ph.D. Thesis submitted under Dr. Mahesh Upadhya. She was annoyed as she was with Harper and got my offer by Harper to accept turned down. It was sad day for me when I got letter from Harper that I cannot take you now. Tell you when meet sir.

I will share your great achievements given in poem form with my scientist friends. You are gem sir. Today CGIAR centers are enjoying facilities in NASC, it is you sir who got for them. I know and have seen your great contribution. Country needs a person like you. You are exceptional practical honest scientist and administrator. I wish you a long, happy and healthy life. With king regards.

Mohinder Kadian

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*Respected Padma Bhushan Dr. R S Paroda,
Sir, We honor you, a beacon of light. In fields of science, you've sown the seeds,
Of knowledge vast and boundless deeds. As the "Man of the Gene Bank," you've
paved the way, For a future where agriculture thrives each day. With
wisdom vast and vision clear, You've nurtured growth far and near. As
ICAR's guiding, steadfast helm, You've built a legacy in this realm. Thirty
institutions, a testament true, To your enduring passion and breakthroughs.
May your birthday be as grand as your quest, Filled with joy, peace, and
well-deserved rest. Your contributions are a shining star, Guiding us all, both
near and far. May live long healthy and happy with deepest admiration,
Thanks and regards*

Manish Kumar, CTRG

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