

Dr RS Paroda is Conferred with Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Lifetime Achievement Award



Padma Bhushan Awardee Dr RS Paroda, Founding Chairman, Trust for Advancement of Agricultural Sciences (TAAS) and Director General of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and Secretary of the Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE),



Government of India, has been bestowed with the highly coveted Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Lifetime Achievement Award by the National Academy of Biological Sciences (NABS). This prestigious honor recognizes Dr Paroda's extraordinary contributions to Indian agriculture and his unwavering commitment to global food security.

The award was presented during the 14th NABS National Conference on Innovations in Biology and Biotechnology for Agriculture and Animal Sciences, held from January 28-29, 2025, at the Agricultural College and Research Institute, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU), Kudumiyamalai.

Dr Paroda's influence extends far beyond his administrative roles. His expertise in plant breeding and genetic resource management is globally recognized. His leadership from 1994 to 2001 modernized India's National Agricultural Research System (NARS), leading to the establishment of over 30 national institutions across diverse agricultural sectors.



He is considered the architect of India's National Gene Bank, one of the world's largest, housing over 4,70,000 germplasm accessions. The National Agricultural Science Centre (NASC) Complex in New Delhi further showcases his vision and leadership in shaping the future of Indian agriculture. His legacy extends internationally, with gene banks at ICRISAT, Patancheru, and the Agriculture Research Institute, Kazakhstan named in his honor.

Even after decades of impactful service, Dr Paroda remains a guiding force in agricultural sciences, championing innovation and sustainability to secure global food security for generations to come. This well-deserved award underscores his immense contribution and serves as an inspiration for aspiring scientists worldwide.

Glimpses of the Award Ceremony can be viewed through following link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ycLldCK_-GE