



## KEYNOTE SPEAKER PROFILE



**Dr. Anil K Rajvanshi**  
**Director & Hon. Secretary**  
**Nimbkar Agricultural Research Institute,**  
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- Bachelor and Master's degrees in Mechanical Engineering from I.I.T. Kanpur & Ph.D from University of Florida during 1979
- First person to promote the use of high technology for rural development – an idea that is in vogue nowadays.
- Established the energy and sustainable development work at Nimbkar Agricultural Research Institute (NARI) at Phaltan, Maharashtra.
- Pioneered in late 1990s the concept of using ethanol as cooking fuel for rural areas and promoted all over the world by World Bank and cooking stove Alliance of UN.
- NARI was the first Institute in the world to develop 500 kW (thermal) sugarcane leaves gasifier in 1995.
- In 2001, received the prestigious Jamnalal Bajaj Award for the use of science and technology in rural India from Dr. Manmohan Singh.
- FICCI Platinum Jubilee Award in 2002 from Prime Minister Shri Atal Behari Vajpayee.
- 2009 Globe Forum Award for sustainability research in Stockholm from HRH Crown Princess Victoria.
- In 2014, **he became the first Indian** to receive the Distinguished Alumnus Award of University of Florida, USA.
- Served on many committees like Planning Commission, MNRE, MERC, etc.