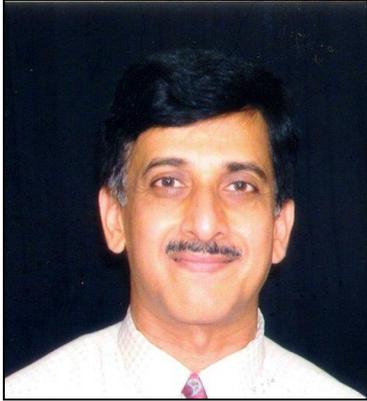


2020 Awardee



Life Time Achievement Award

Dr. Vasant P. Gandhi

Dr. Vasant P. Gandhi is a gold medalist of Pantnagar from the College of Agriculture 1972-1976 batch (ID no. 5986) is being recognized today as a foremost management expert and economist nationally and internationally. After graduating with a gold medal from Pantnagar, he was selected by the IIMA from where he graduated again with a gold medal for his outstanding performance. Following this he went on to do some outstanding work at the NDDB, which included forming over 100 dairy cooperatives and a cooperative dairy union in Kolhapur Dist. Maharashtra. Recognizing his achievements, he was awarded the prestigious Joseph Koret Fellowship by Stanford University USA and he went on to do his Ph.D. there. After completing his Ph.D. he joined the prestigious International Food Policy Research Institute in Washington where he worked for 7 years. Given his outstanding background, he had a standing offer from the Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad for a faculty position, and being keen to return, he joined the Institute in 1993 and became a Professor as well as Chairman of its Centre for Management in Agriculture. He is a keen researcher and has produced numerous books and over 150 research papers, many of which are very highly reputed. His paper “Food Demand and the Food Security Challenge with Rapid Economic Growth in the Emerging Economies of India and China” published in Food Research International (Elsevier) has been viewed/ downloaded over 5000 times, and is extremely widely cited. His paper “Institutional Innovations and Models in the Development of Agro-Industries in India: Strengths, Weaknesses and Lessons” (FAO) has been viewed/ downloaded over 4500 times and widely cited His five research papers of 2020 on improving water institutions and management in India published in the international journal Water (Switzerland) are being widely referred and cited by researchers and are influencing policies in various states of India and abroad. In recognition of his work, Dr. Gandhi was awarded the NABARD Chair Professorship at IIM Ahmedabad and was elevated to the Board of Governors of IIMA. The work has also led to his being on the Board of Directors of several companies He has also served on the international Biotechnology Advisory Council of Monsanto USA, and has been a member of various Planning Commission committees of the Govt. of India and other committees including the Task Force on Irrigation appointed by the Prime Minister and the Special Committee on Interlinking of Rivers. He has been honored as Visiting/ Adjunct Professor at various universities including University of Sydney, James Cook University, and University of South Australia. Recently, in recognition of his outstanding life-long professional

achievements, he has been elected President of the Indian Society of Agricultural Economics for its 2020 Annual Conference.