

**Anand Agricultural University, Anand Shine in XIth National Agricultural Science Congress
(Paper from Dr A M Shekh & Dr M L Gaur of AAU bagged 1st Prize during Congress, at OUAT Bhubneshwar)**

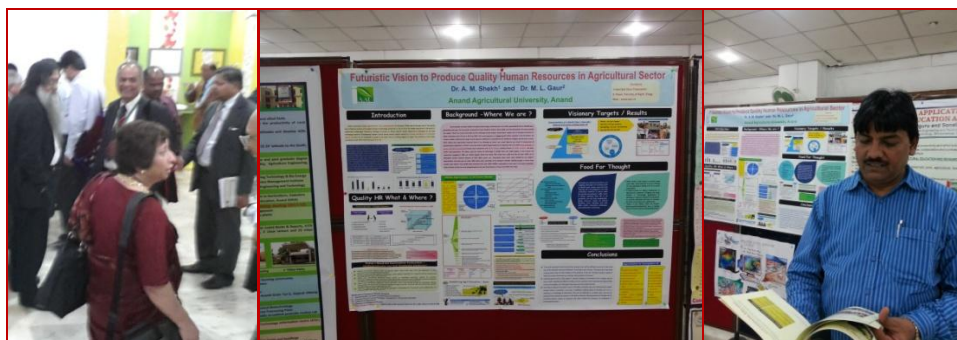


Fig-1 Screening Dr Abhijeet Sen (Member, Planning Commission, Govt of India); Dr Panjab Singh (Former Secretary DARE & DG ICAR); Dr Arvind Kumar (DDG-Edn, ICAR) ; Poster Paper with an Author Dr M L Gaur (Dean Agril Engg, AAU Anand)

The National Academy of Agricultural Sciences New Delhi, ICAR and OUAT Bhubneshwar in collaboration with several national & international agencies organized a mega event, termed as **11th National Agricultural Science Congress** held during 7th-9th Feb, 2013 at Bhubneshwar Odisha. The central theme remained –*Agricultural Education: Reshaping India's Future*. It was attended by several hundreds of participants comprising delegates from about 15 countries along with representatives from different states of India as well. Several lead papers & poster papers were effectively presented and discussed for paving up the way for futuristic educational policy for indian agricultural sector. Importance of this mega event was well recognized & documented by worthy political and planning wings of Governments, where the **Sh M C Bhandari, HE the Governor Odisha; Sh Naveen Patnaik, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha State** and **Dr Abhijit Sen, the Member Planning Commission, Govt of India** also took active part by discussing several deliberations on the theme of congress. After formal grand inauguration of the congress by **Sh M C Bhandari, HE Governor of Odisha** with the presence of **Mr Simeon Ehui, the Sector manager World Bank** and high dignitaries from NAAS & ICAR, later on 2nd day a special technical session on Agril Research, Education & Extension for nutritional Security was conducted with **Sh Naveen Patnaik, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha** as Chief Guest. This mega event also comprised a wide demonstration of technological exhibitions centrally from all ICAR research institutes & SAUs. On this line, the presentation as well as a poster on academic progress of AAU was also presented by Dr K P Patel, Dean Faculty of Agriculture, AAU Anand.



Fig-2 Screening HE Governor of Odisha (Sh M C Bhandari) , Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha (Sh Naveen Patnaik) ; Member, Planning Commission, GOI (Dr Abhijeet Sen), Ministers & Dignarities

The presentations in the congress were critically monitored & evaluated by experts followed by designating the best of them. The Paper Entitled “**Futuristic Vision to Produce Quality Human Resources in Agriculture Sector**” from **Dr A M Shekh & Dr M L Gaur** of Anand Agril University, Anand Gujarat, was rated excellent and conferred the First Prize, in the presence of Dignitaries motioned above. Prior to this congress, Dr. Gaur, Principal & Dean , College of Agril Engineering & technology, Godhra of AAU Anand (one of the author of above cited prized paper), remained an active part of another national level meeting at National Academy of Agricultural Research Management, Hyderabad by *chairing one important session with groups for brain storming on specific aspect of quality HR in*

agricultural education, held for preparing grounds for upcoming new higher agricultural educational policy in India. During it the important/innovative attempts taken at AAU, Anand (widely incorporating components of vocational courses, diploma courses, distance learning programs and e- learning courses) were highly praised and brought into final recommendations for country as well, which remained point of warm debate during present congress, paving path for its wider replications/refinements.

This prestigious congress was attended by global participants from *USA, Brazil, China, France, Japan, Netherland, Rome, and many stalwards of Indian Agricultural Research & Education systems*. It includes eminent Professors namely Dr. Ratan Lal from Ohio State Univ, Dr Paul from USDA, Dr Ren Wang from CAAS, Dr Madhur & others from World Bank, Dr Mark from GFAR, Dr Peter from FAO, Dr Erly from Brazil, Dr Rudy from Netherland, and many Indian dignarities encompassing present & past DGs, DDGs, ASRB Chairman, DDGs, ADGs, Vice Chancellors of SAUs, Deans and Directors of SAUs. Prominent ones were Dr R B Singh, Dr Kirti Singh, Dr Mangla Rai, Dr Panjab Singh, Dr. P L Gautam, Dr. S L Mehta, Dr Ayyappan, Dr C D Mayee, Dr Gurbachan Singh, Dr Arvind Kumar, Dr Anwar Alam, Dr C Devkumar and Hon'ble Vice Chancellors from SAUs. The event provided a platform for quality discussion on the different ways through which the nation can become self-reliant in food production. Views were emerged on development of human resources, knowledge and skill in agriculture sector, with important deliberations on promotion and development of agricultural education in India.