

Webinar on “Nation Building, Junoon and Happiness”

Topic: Nation Building, Junoon and Happiness

Speaker: Dr. Anil K. Rajvanshi (Padma Shri)

Date: 31st Jan. 2023 (Tuesday)

Time: 5.30 PM

Theme:

The talk will focus on how bright students of IIT Bhubaneswar can help light up the lives of the rural population and in the process help in Nation Building. By doing so they will contribute to the betterment of society. The talk will show how giving back to society produces happiness. Dr. Anil K Rajvanshi an alumnus of IITK will talk about his journey from IITK to USA and to rural India and what inspired him to do so and the junoon and forces which shaped his life. The talk will touch upon the work done at NARI and the challenges facing rural India and how high tech solutions from bright minds might be able to overcome them.

Biography of the Speaker:

Dr. Anil K. Rajvanshi is currently Director of the Nimbkar Agricultural Research Institute (NARI), Phaltan, Maharashtra. Prior to taking this position he served as faculty at the University of Florida, USA. He did his BTech, MTech from IIT Kanpur and Phd from University of Florida in mechanical engineering. Dr. Rajvanshi has more than 35 years of experience in renewable energy research, rural and sustainable development. He has more than 150 publications and 7 patents to his credit.

His Areas of Specializations are:

Solar Distillation; Heat Transfer; Solar Energy Thermal Processes; Biomass Gasification and Combustion; Biomass Power plants; Electric Vehicles; Rural Energy R&D and Policy; Sustainable Development and Spirituality.

For his contributions, he received many awards which includes

- Padma Shri in 2022.
- Inducted in prestigious U.S. based Solar Hall of Fame (1998).
- Jamnalal Bajaj Award for Application of S&T for rural areas (2001), given by Dr. Manmohan Singh.
- FICCI Annual Award for Rural Development (2001-02), received the award on behalf of NARI from Prime Minister Shri Atal Behari Vajpayee.
- Energy Globe Award for motor assisted cycle rickshaw (MAPRA) (2004).
- Globe Forum Award for ethanol lanstove (2009), given by HRH princes Victoria in Stockholm, Sweden.
- Distinguished Alumnus Award from University of Florida, USA. (2014).
- Distinguished Alumnus Award of IIT Kanpur 2022.

Dr. Rajvanshi served as Member of various core-committees related rural technologies and policies of Govt. of India. Dr. Rajvanshi has lectured and given seminars at many leading Universities in India and USA. He has been interviewed and featured in many national and international magazines. He has written four books and several book chapters. He also a regular blogger on Speaking Tree, Huffington Post, Thrive Global and South Asia Monitor among others.