Gujarat Science Congress - 2017



A major scientific event in the state of Gujarat the XXXI Gujarat Science Congress-2017 was held during February 4 & 5, 2017 at GERMI-PDPU Campus, Gandhinagar. The conference was jointly organized by Gujarat Science Academy (GSA), Gujarat Energy Research and Management Institute (GERMI), Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University (PDPU) and Institute of Seismological Research (ISR). The theme of the congress was "Responsibilities of

Academia and Academies in Creating Sustainable, Competitive and Ethical Societies: Challenges and Opportunities".

In the beginning of the function, Director General - GERMI Mr. T. Harinarayan welcomed all. Former Chief Secretary and VC MT & Chairman - GERMI Sri. D. Rajagopalan informed about the purpose and importance of the Science Congress. Prof. A. K. Singhvi, President – Gujarat Science Academy shared the importance of organizing this congress.

The event was inaugurated by Shri Vijay Rupani, Chief Minister of Gujarat. On the occasion he also said that, "It is the time to formulate a new state level policy on Science and Technology which could provide suitable global platform for the youth of the state." Mr. Rupani felicitated best teachers and professors who provide quality education in the field of science, mathematics,

biology, physics and space science.



Figure 1: From Right to left: Dr. Harinarayana, DG- GERMI, Dr. M Ravikuar, DG-ISR, VC-MT- GERMI, Hon' CM Shri Vijay Runapi, Dr. Vijaykumar Saraswat- Member NITI Aayog, Dr. Ashok Singhvi - President GSA, Prof. T. K.K. Reddy - DG- PDPU.

Eminent Scientists from major part of India like, Dr V K Saraswat, member of NITI Aayog, Dr K Vijay Raghavan and Dr Ashutosh Sharma, secretaries in ministry of science and technology, environmental activist Dr Sunita Narain, Prof Raghavendra Gadagkar from IISc and Dr Amit Roy, former director of Interuniversity Accelerator Centre, delivered lectures.

Around 400 science students and teachers from all over Gujarat has participated in this event and presented posters on various themes like – Life Science, Physics and Material

Science, Chemical Science, Genetics and Biotechnology etc. Out of 280 posters 18 posters were selected for award. Science School and college students and science faculties from all over Gujarat were also awarded for their performance and commitment towards science field.