

Dr. Nandini Nimbkar Gets University of Florida's Highest Award

Dr. Nandini Nimbkar, the President of [Nimbkar Agricultural Research Institute](#) (NARI), was selected as one of the [47 most distinguished alumnae](#) of University of Florida, Gainesville, U.S.A. She was the only non-American so chosen. Thus it is a singular honor for an Indian and an Asian to get this award.

Dr. Nandini Nimbkar did her M.S. and Ph.D. from University of Florida in 1977 and 1981 respectively. Since 1981 she has been with Nimbkar Agricultural Research Institute, first as a researcher, Director and now as a President since 1990.

University of Florida - a major U.S. University started the coeducation program in 1947. Thus 1997 was the 50th anniversary of coeducation. The President of University set up a 22-member commission to select 47 most distinguished alumnae out of 85,000 women who have graduated from UF since 1947. Honorees were selected based on outstanding contributions to their field of service, the university, their communities and the state or the nation. Screening criteria were identical to those used to select UF's Alumnus/Alumna of Distinction awards. Dr. Nimbkar was one of the 47 so selected.

The 46 other awardees included [President Clinton's Cabinet member, Shere Hite the world famous author, US Congresswomen, Olympic gold medalist, Chief Justice of Florida Supreme Court among others.](#)

The award in the form of a medallion was given to Dr. Nimbkar by Dr. Lombardi, the President of University of Florida at a gala convocation in Gainesville on 19 September 1997.



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All awardees in front of plaque. Dr. Nimbkar is standing second from left in the second row