

Obama-Singh 21st Century Knowledge Initiative (OSI)

The School of Environmental Sciences of Mahatma Gandhi University joined the top notch league of “Obama-Singh 21st Century Knowledge Initiative” for institutional partnership projects in research and educational activities in science and technology between India and the US, entering into the first set of eight awards announced jointly by the Union Minister for Human Resource Development Kapil Sibal and the US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton in Washington in the second week of June 2012. Out of the four projects selected from the Indian side from among all the major central and state universities, IITs and research organizations, MG University boasts the unique position of the lone affiliating University. Our School along with the Advanced Centre of Environmental Studies and Sustainable Development (ACESSD) partner with three US Universities in a project titled ‘*An Interdisciplinary and Community Oriented Approach towards Sustainable Development.*’ The project enables the School to work jointly with the Department of Civil Engineering, Brown University, the Centre for Environmental Implication of Nanotechnology, Duke University and the Department of Social Sciences, Plymouth State University from the US side.



Inauguration of the OSI programme by US Ambassador to India, Mrs. Nancy Powell in the presence of the Chief Minister of Kerala, Shri. Oommen Chandy, the Minister for Education, Shri. P.K. Abdu Rabb and the Vice Chancellor of Mahatma Gandhi University, Prof. Rajan Gurukkal.