

Dr Mary Francis gets Rashtriya Udyog Ratna Award

Dr Mary Francis, Director, Jovis Clinical Research recently received the Rashtriya Udyog Ratna Award. Instituted by the Council for Economic Growth and Research, the Award is in recognition of Francis' achievements in the field of clinical research and her contributions to society and National Life.

Jovis is a clinical research consulting company, which has been

conceived with a primary focus on providing the highest quality service to pharmaceutical, biotechnology and devices industries for conducting research in India. Francis has an overall experience of more than 17 years in the field of clinical research and has risen from the level of an analyst to become CEO of a CRO (Contract Research Organisation).

As a CEO of AceBiomed, a CRO in Mumbai, she was instrumental in setting up the facility system and procedures from a scratch. She has successfully achieved NABL accreditation, including EMEA and Turkish approvals under her leadership for various organisations.

In the field of clinical research education Francis has been a regular faculty for numerous institutions and has recently been instrumental in designing the diploma program and syllabi for the Mumbai-based International Centre for Training in Clinical Research (ICTCR). She has worked from inception of Schedule Y of Drug and Cosmetic Act 1940 and rules thereafter from 1985 and is aware from grass root level about the changing scenario of pharmacology and pharmacokinetic aspects of drug development in India. She has also been co-investigator for conducting bioavailability and bioequivalence studies for more than 500 projects. ■

