





## Public Health Department Government of Maharashtra

## Certificate of Honour

## Dr. Rekha Daver

Dr. Rekha G. Daver, Senior Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, has dedicated last 40 years to Women's Health & Family Welfare and Medical Education in various Government Medical Colleges in Maharashtra. In 1997, when she became Head of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at prestigious Sir. J.J. Hospital and Grant Government Medical College, Mumbai, she noticed increasing number of HIV (+) pregnant women and was actively involved in PMTCT (Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission of HIV) from its inception in 1999, under National AIDS Control Program (NACP).

Under her able & dynamic leadership Sir J.J. Hospital soon became PMTCT "Centre of Excellence", which not only treated more than 1300 HTV (+) pregnant women but also trained Professors of OBGY, Paediatrics & Microbiology dept. and Nurses and Counsellors of Medical Colleges in Maharashtra, Gujrat and Uttar Pradesh. She even went to Nagaland to train the doctors there.

She has been on NACO Task force for Research & Development and PMTCT & was instrumental in launching WHO (B+) 3 Drug Regime (TLE) for PMTCT in 2014. After that, more than 100 babies of HIV positive mothers delivered at Sir. J. J. Hospital were found HIV negative.

UNAIDS has acknowledged her work on PMTCT on their website as "Tireless Indian Doctor dedicated to Women Health" on 28/10/2016, which is creditable to our State.

Now, NACO has launched National EMTCT (Elimination of Mother To Child Transmission of HIV) program and she has been chosen as member of National Core Group of EMTCT.

Dr. Daver has been actively involved in training and motivating Health Professionals including Doctors, Nurses, Counsellors etc. She has promoted Health Education and Awareness through TV & Radio Programs, News Papers, Magazines and Community meetings.

This year, she retired as Dean of Government Medical College, Akola and has joined Sir. Harkisandas Reliance Foundation Hospital & Research Centre, Mumbai as Head of Medical Education & Academics and Consultant in Obstetrics & Gynaecology.

Dr. Daver was University Topper with Gold Medal in OBGY. In spite of getting Green Card for permanent residence in USA, she returned to India to treat underprivileged women attending Government Hospitals and trained Under Graduate & Post Graduate Doctors and Health Professionals. She has been awarded many prestigious National & International Awards.

On the Eve of World AIDS Day 2017, Government of Maharashtra is felicitating her today on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017, for her dedicated services in the National AIDS Control Program and her noble contribution towards uplifting Women's health in the state of Maharashtra.

Dr. Pradeep Kumar Vyas

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