

## **Industrial Policy and Pharmaceuticals: Implications for Universal Access to Medicine**

### **Short Bio-data of Professor Dinesh Abrol**

Professor Dinesh Abrol is currently working at the Institute of Studies in Industrial Development (ISID) affiliated to the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR). His responsibilities at ISID include the coordination of ISID-PHFI collaborative research programme on innovation, industry and public health. Concurrently he is also a visiting professor at the Centre for Studies in Science Policy.

For the period of last thirty years he researched at the National Institute of Science Technology and Development studies (NISTADS), a constituent establishment of CSIR from where he superannuated as Chief Scientist on April 30, 2013. He is known for his research work on pharmaceutical industry, intellectual property, innovation management, technology assessment and science, technology and innovation (STI) policy. He has 3 books, 6 monographs and over 40 research papers in the field of Science and Technology Studies to his credit. His contributions to the evaluation of the Trade Related Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) Agreement got him involved with the National Working Group on Patent Laws of which he is the co-convenor since 1988. His contribution to the policy making on pharmaceutical patenting continues through his association with the work being undertaken in the area of compulsory licensing. He has been contributing to the work being undertaken by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare through the Sectoral Innovation Council. He is a member of the scientific board of the journal of "Innovation and Development", a publication of the Global Network for Economics of Learning, Innovation, and Competence Building Systems (GLOBELICS). The network brings together scholars who study innovation and economic development and encompasses scholars from all Continents and from different academic disciplines. His collaborative research projects include collaborations with the scholars contributing to the research institutions of Argentina, Brazil, China, United Kingdom and United States working on a wide range of interconnection topics arising out of the formulation of technology policies for latecomer countries with large population and huge development deficit like India, Brazil and China. Since the late 70s, in the sphere of building of the public understanding of science and technology, he has actively contributed to the initiatives being taken by the social movements going on in the country namely Delhi Science Forum, All India Peoples' Science Network and Bharat Gyan Vigyan Samiti.