

**DR. TANNAZ BIRDI** DEPUTY DIRECTOR



Dr. Tannaz Birdi is currently Deputy Director at the Foundation for Medical Research (FMR). Her basic degree is in microbiology after which she specialized in immunology. One of her major research interests is host-pathogen interaction which she dissected extensively using leprosy as a model. She was awarded the Major General Sahib Singh Sokhey Award by Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) for this work.

She has applied this approach more recently in developing bio-assays for the pre-clinical screening of medicinal plants. Through this an innovative holistic approach to the use of medicinal plants in primary health care is being developed. She was involved in the preparation of a detail project Report for Ministry of Health, Government of India for the establishment of a North Eastern Institute of Folk Medicine and is a member of the Task Force for its implementation. She is currently involved in the evaluation of anti-diarrhoeal and anti tuberculosis medicinal plants.

She has undergone training in participation action research at the International Institute of Rural Reconstruction, Philippines which she is currently applying to field based project in which she is involved.

She has over 58 peer reviewed publications and is recognized by the University of Mumbai as a guide for training of student for post-graduate and doctoral degrees in Applied Biology