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M/s Shantha Biotechnics Private Limited, Hyderabad, has been awarded with the National Award.

The award is for the development of recombinant Interferon Alpha - 2b by the company's in-house R & D unit located in Medchal of Ranga Reddy District of Andhra Pradesh. The In-house R & D unit is recognized since 1995, by the Government of India.

M/s Shantha Biotechnics Private Limited, is the first company in India to manufacture and commercialise Interferon Alpha - 2b based on the indigenous technology. The company has been able to make available interferon at 1/3rd the cost of the imported interferon of similar quality making it thus affordable to most patients in India as well as other developing countries, thereby saving many lives.

Awards will be given annually on the **Technology Day i.e. 11th May**

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