

National Doctors Day, 2021

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In news

The Prime Minister of India has greeted Doctors on the occasion of Doctors' Day on 1st July, 2021. .

National Doctors' Day

- The event was organised by the Indian Medical Association (IMA).
- The Doctors' Day is **observed in the honour of noted doctor and former West Bengal chief minister(1948-1962) Bidhan Chandra Roy**, whose birth and death anniversaries fall on July 1.
- **The Government of India had established Doctors' Day in 1991** to recognize the contributions of BC Roy.
- He played an important role in the establishment of the Medical Council of India and Indian Medical Association.

About Bidhan Chandra Roy

- Dr Roy was born on July 1, 1882
- He played a great role in establishing medical institutions like Jadavpur TB Hospital, Chittaranjan Seva Sadan, Victoria Institution (college), Chittaranjan Cancer Hospital and the Chittaranjan Seva Sadan for women and children.
- He played an important role in the establishment of the Medical Council of India and the Indian Medical Association.
- He was also referred to as the first medical consultant in the subcontinent of India and was more successful and dedicated than his contemporaries in several fields.
- Post Independence the Congress Party proposed Roy's name for Chief Minister of Bengal. Roy wanted to devote himself to his profession.

- On Gandhiji's advice, however, Roy accepted the position and took office on 23 January 1948.
- Bidhan Roy is often considered the Maker of Modern West Bengal due to his key role in the founding of several institutions and five eminent cities, Durgapur, Kalyani, Bidhannagar, Ashokenagar and Habra.
- For his outstanding contributions, he was also awarded the Bharat Ratna, on February 4, 1961.
- He passed away on July 1, 1962.
- The B.C.Roy National Award was instituted in 1962 in Roy's memory and has been awarded annually since 1976.
- The award recognizes excellent contributions in the areas of medicine, politics, science, philosophy, literature and arts.