

Address of Mr. Justice G.N. Ray at the Dr. B.C. Roy National Awards giving Ceremony at the Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi on July 01, 2005

First of all, I pay my respectful homage to the hallowed memory of Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy, an outstanding personality, eminent statesman, leading national leader, educationist, social reformer, visionary for a surging India and a Medical Scientist par excellence.

Dr. B.C. Roy National Award fund was established under the aegis of Medical Council of India and registered under the Societies Registration Act of 1980 to cherish the memory of Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy who was not only the First Indian President of Medical Council of India but the guiding force and inspiring spirit for the Medical Council throughout his life.

To commemorate the memory of Dr. B.C. Roy, whose birthday and by rare coincidence, the date of demise also fall on the same day i.e. on 1st of July, the Government of India declared in 1991 that 1st of July of every year be known as **"Doctors' Day"** Dr. B.C. Roy National Awards Fund Management Committee also thought it fit to announce Dr. B.C. Roy National Awards and other awards on **"Doctors Day"** every year. These awards have now achieved an even greater status as they are being presented by none other than the Hon'ble President of India at the Rashtrapati Bhavan since 1993.

Awards are given every year by the Dr. B.C. Roy National Award Committee to honour eminent medical men, statesmen, eminent persons in philosophy, science, art and literature,

. Such conferment of awards not only goes a long way in recognising the talent of the eminent personalities in various specialties and walks of life but also acts towards a positive motivation for others to emulate and pursue with commitment and dedication the path of

excellence with orientation for “Bahujana Hitaya and Bahujana Sukhaya”
(Well being and comfort of populace)

I deem it a coveted privilege to release the Souvenir published on this occasion. As a chairperson of Dr. B.C. Roy Awards Committee, I welcome you all and like to congratulate all the esteemed awardees for 2003 and 2004 and I sincerely hope that they will remain active in the pursuit of outstanding works in their respective filed and also encourage and guide others in an exemplary manner. I say from heart that we feel honoured in conferring the awards on the recipients who are doyens and outstanding personalities in their respective filed. We pray for their more and more eventful career.

I express on my behalf and also on behalf of Dr. B.C. Roy National Awards Committee a deep sense of gratitude for our beloved and most revered Rastrapatiji, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam for kindly acceding to our request to confer the awards on this very special day.

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