

Celebration of Doctors' Day

First of July has been designated as Doctors' Day in India. It is indeed important that both doctors and patients be made aware of the existence of this day and at the same time, of its relevance and significance in the larger context of healthcare in this country.

Here is a little history as to why doctors' day is celebrated on this particular day.

Dr Bidhan Chandra Roy was born on July 1, 1882 at Bankipore in Patna in Bihar. His career as a physician started in 1911 when he came back to India from Bartholomew's hospital in the UK having completed his MRCP. Thereafter, he joined the teaching staff of Calcutta Medical College and later moved to Campbell Medical School and then to Carmichael Medical College. He dedicated his life to the Upliftment of Indian society, especially, the downtrodden.

Not only did he excel as a physician, he was an educationist, social reformer, freedom fighter (joined Mahatma Gandhi in the Civil Disobedience movement), leader of Indian National Congress and later chief minister of West Bengal. Dr B C Roy passed away on July 1, 1962 on his birthday.

Thus July 1st was considered an appropriate day to be designated as Doctors' Day- a tribute to Dr B C Roy and the entire medical profession.

On 1st of July S. B. Devi Charity Home had celebrated this special day by serving the ailing humanity by health check-up. This programme was organized in association with Rotary Club of North Calcutta and North East Calcutta Social & Welfare Organization.

It was a very special day for us as it was the first day of our General Secretary becoming the President of Rotary Club.

Swami Bimuktananda Maharaj of Ramakrishna Vivekananda Ashram inaugurated the programme. Our General Secretary Sekhar Chattopadhyay spoke on various activities of S. B. Devi Charity Home. He elaborately discussed on the various aspects of health check-up, prevention & proper treatment. He also spoke few words for Rotary activities especially on medical service to the community. Honorary Secretary Rtn. Parimal Kumar Chandra extended good wishes to the organization and assured them any kind of help and service may be provided by Rotary. PP Rtn. Dr. Sujit Kumar Basu (Who is also a member of our Governing Body) spoke about the service of Rotary to the down trodden people of the society. He also mentioned the

kind of service provided to the needy like tricycle, wheel chair, artificial limbs, cycle van and tube wells for safe drinking water for the village people.

A total number of 110 patients were checked in the camp. General screening was done to assess their health status. Individuals who were found to have any clinical problem were guided for treatment under proper clinician's supervision at S. B. Devi Charity Home. Those who were nutritionally deficient or obese assessed by their BMI were given proper counselling to overcome the situation.

Blood Test, Random Sugar Test was done for 30 patients, ECG was done for 20 patients

The society owes a debt of gratitude to physicians for their contributions in enlarging the reservoir of scientific knowledge, increasing the number of scientific tools, and expanding the ability of professionals to use the knowledge and tools effectively in the never ending fight against disease and death. The society also owes a debt of gratitude to physicians for the sympathy and compassion of physicians in administering the sick and alleviating human suffering. On this day the common people take the opportunity to thank all doctors all over the world.