

National Doctors' Day - 01 July 2025 in INDIA: History and Importance

National Doctors' Day, celebrated on July 1st in India, is a day to acknowledge and appreciate the crucial role doctors play in society. It honors their dedication, sacrifices, and unwavering commitment to healthcare and well-being. The day also serves as a reminder of the importance of the medical profession, especially during times of crisis or emergency.

History of National Doctors' Day

In India, National Doctors' Day was first observed on the **01st of July 1991** in honour of **Dr Bidhan Chandra Roy**, to pay tribute to his contributions to the health domain. Dr B.C. Roy was a birthday-perisher, **born on the 01st of July 1882 and died on the 01st of July 1962**, a strange coincidence.

Dr Bidhan Chandra Roy (01 July 1882 - 01 July 1962) was a **well-known doctor, educator, freedom fighter, social worker, and politician**. He was also the chief minister of West Bengal for 14 years, from 1948 to 1962. On the **04th of February 1961**, he received the highest Indian civilian award, "**THE BHARAT RATNA**". He gave his life to the people, treated many individuals, and inspired millions. He was also the personal physician of Mahatma Gandhi.

In the year **1976**, the **B.C. Roy National Award** was established in his memory to recognize the eminent person working in the areas of medicine, science, public affairs, philosophy, arts, and literature.

National Doctor's Day 2025 Theme

This year 2025, the National Doctors Day theme is ***"Behind the Mask: Caring for Caregivers"***. This theme emphasizes the importance of recognizing and supporting the well-being of doctors, who often prioritize their patients' needs above their own.

Year by year, the themes for National Doctor's Day

National Doctor's Day theme 2024: Healing Hands, Caring Hearts

National Doctor's Day theme 2023: Celebrating Resilience and Healing Hands

National Doctor's Day theme 2022: Family Doctors on the Front Line

National Doctor's Day theme 2019: Zero tolerance to violence against doctors and clinical establishment

Importance and Role of Doctors

Doctors have a vital role in society; they devote their lives to patients' well-being, assisting in faster recovery from disease or condition and improving their quality of life. They greatly understand medical science and commit their knowledge to treating patients' medical conditions and extending life expectancy.

In many incidents where doctors have never given up despite being attacked by patients and their relatives. Continued their medical services for the general population. No one can forget their contributions and tireless efforts.