

"The doctor of the future will give no medicine but will interest his patients in the care of the human frame, in diet and in the cause and prevention of disease." - Thomas Edison

- National Doctor's Day is observed by Indian Medical Association across India, to **recognise the efforts and contributions** of the doctor's community to society and to celebrate doctor's commitment to their profession.This day **shows gratitude** to doctors who selflessly aid people in time of need and tirelessly work for the health of their patients.
- **First National Doctors' Day** in India was celebrated by Government of India in **1991 in honor of Dr Bidhan Chandra Roy,** who established institutions such as **Chittaranjan Cancer Hospital and Chittaranjan Seva Sadan**.

- In other countries, the day is celebrated on different days, such as **in Brazil**, it is celebrated **on October 18**, while in the **US**, it is celebrated **on March 30**.
- The symbol of Doctor's Day is a "**RED CARNATION"** because the flower stands for love, charity, selflessness and sacrifice, traits that a doctor must hold.
- The **theme** for National Doctors' Day 2022 is **"Family Doctors on the Front Line."**
- The first ever Doctor's Day was observed in the year 1933 on March 30 in the US state of Georgia. It involved sending cards to physicians and placing flowers on the graves of dead doctors.
- National Doctor's Day 2021 was **dedicated to all the medical professionals who lost their lives in line of duty during COVID-19 pandemic** and all the doctors and healthcare workers who are serving as frontline workers.
- On the occasion, IMA announced the formation of **IMA Benevolent Fund**. This fund will be devoted to its member doctors who have died while serving on Covid-19 duty.
- **<u>Dr Bidhan Chandra Roy :</u>**
  - Dr B.C. Roy was a **physician, a freedom fighter, an educationist and a politician.**
  - Dr Roy was born on July 1, 1882, and passed away on July 1, 1962.

- Dr Roy was a follower of **Brahmo Samaj**. He also led the **Civil disobedience movement (**began in 1930) in Bengal.
- Dr Bandhan Roy served as the **second Chief Minister of West Bengal.**
- He was awarded the country's highest civilian award, **Bharat Ratna** in 1961.
- The **B.C. Roy National Award was instituted in 1976,** in his name for work in the area of medicine, politics, science, philosophy, literature and arts.

❖ **<u>Indian Medical Association (IMA):</u>**

- It's **a national voluntary organisation of physicians in India,** that takes care of the interest of doctors and the well-being of the community at large.
- **Headquartered** in **New Delhi.**
- It was established in **1928**.
- IMA in 1946 helped in the organisation of the **World Medical Association (WMA**), and thus became its founder member. **WMA has its headquarters in France**.

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