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Dear Doctor,

Greetings on the occasion of Doctor's Day 2018. Dedicating this date of 1st July every year, to our community of doctors, is a befitting tribute to the legendary Indian physician - Bharat Ratna Dr Bidhan Chandra Roy. Dr BC Roy who was born on 1st July 1882 and attained nirvana on the same date in 1962, served the community till the last day of his life. This day serves as a reminder to our community that doctors have always played and shall continue to play a key role in shaping the destiny of India and taking it to the great heights in the field of Health.

Dr Roy believed that a developed India would remain a dream unless the citizens were healthy and strong in mind and body. It is towards this goal that we all must stand united and direct our efforts. We may be working in the government, private, development or any other sector but our commitment to serve the humanity, to ease the suffering and to heal & take people out of pain is what binds us all together. It is with this shared commitment and united efforts that we can fulfill the dream of a Swasth Bharat envisioned by our Hon. Prime Minister. Contributing in whatever capacity we are able to, we must ensure that the benefits of the multiple initiatives of the Government reach the intended beneficiaries. The Ayushman Bharat Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana, Mission Indradhanush, Elimination of TB, Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan are a few of the initiatives that aim to bring about a significant improvement in the health and wellness of the citizens of India.

Let us all reaffirm the Hippocratic oath that we took: "Into whatsoever houses I enter, I will enter to help the sick, and I will abstain from all intentional wrong-doing and harm."


(Dr S. Venkatesh)