

Saluting the Spirit of Medicine: Doctor's Day 2024

"Honoring Healing Hands and Caring Hearts"

National Doctor's Day is a significant event celebrated annually on July 1st, marking both the birth and death anniversaries of **Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy**, one of India's most esteemed physicians and the second Chief Minister of West Bengal. Dr. Roy, a recipient of the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian award, was not only a prolific statesman but also a highly respected medical professional.

In honor of his contributions to the field of medicine and public service, Gouri Devi Institute of Medical Sciences and Hospital celebrated Doctor's Day with great enthusiasm and reverence. The theme for the 2024 celebration, "**Healing Hands, Caring Hearts,**" emphasized the dedication, compassion, and empathy that doctors bring to their medical practice, underscoring their pivotal role in saving and improving lives.



The event commenced with a formal introduction of all dignitaries present on the stage, setting a tone of respect and admiration for the esteemed guests. Welcome kits, thoughtfully prepared to honor the doctors and dignitaries, were distributed, adding a personal touch to the occasion.



Distinguished guests took to the stage to share their insights on the significance of National Doctor's Day. Their speeches highlighted the critical importance of the event within the medical community, offering words of inspiration and appreciation for the tireless efforts of medical professionals.



The celebration was further enriched by a delightful cultural welcome and felicitation ceremony. The atmosphere was filled with elegance and warmth as a serene lamp-lighting ceremony took place, symbolizing the enlightenment and guidance that doctors provide. This was accompanied by the soul-soothing "**Guru Vandana**," a tribute to the teachers and mentors who shape the lives of medical students.

One of the highlights of the event was a **live painting session**, where a talented student artistically depicted Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy, capturing the essence of his legacy. This artistic tribute was met with admiration and applause from the audience.



The cultural segment continued with melodious songs, beautiful dance performances, and heartfelt recitations and poetry by the MBBS students. Each performance reflected the creativity and dedication of the students, adding a vibrant touch to the celebration. A poignant video presentation, created to commemorate the challenges and triumphs during the COVID-19 pandemic, served as a reminder of the resilience and commitment of healthcare workers.



The celebration of National Doctor's Day took on an extra touch of festivity with a delightful cake-cutting ceremony that marked a sweet conclusion to the event. As the centerpiece cake, adorned with elegant decorations, was brought onto the stage, it symbolized the collective appreciation and joy of the occasion. The room buzzed with excitement as the dignitaries and guests gathered around, capturing the moment in photographs that would serve as lasting mementos of this special day.

Following the cake-cutting, the program transitioned to a heartfelt vote of thanks. The event's organizers took a moment to express their profound gratitude to everyone who contributed to the day's success. Their words of appreciation highlighted the tireless efforts of the volunteers, speakers, performers, and all who played a part in bringing the celebration to life. The acknowledgment was not just a formality but a genuine reflection of the respect and admiration for those who make such occasions memorable.



The celebration concluded on a high note with a grand lunch, a fitting end to a day filled with reflection and recognition. The lunch was a feast of culinary delights, thoughtfully prepared to cater to a variety of tastes and preferences. As guests mingled, sharing stories and laughter, the camaraderie was palpable. The grand lunch not only offered a delicious end to the celebrations but also reinforced the spirit of unity and mutual appreciation that National Doctor's Day embodies.

The celebration of National Doctor's Day at Gouri Devi Institute of Medical Sciences and Hospital was a fitting tribute to Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy and all medical professionals who embody the spirit of "**Healing Hands, Caring Hearts.**" It was a day filled with respect, gratitude, and celebration of the noble profession of medicine.