



Professor Ranjit Roy Chaudhury

Professor Ranjit Roy Chaudhury is a leading medical researcher, a specialist in medical teaching and a health planner for the country. He has served as Dean at the Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh and in senior positions in the World Health Organization. He has chaired the Sub-Commission of the National Commission in Macroeconomics and Health and the National Committee for Postgraduate Medical Education set up by the Government of India. He was also a former member of the Board of Governors of the Medical Council of India. He has written twenty five books and has been bestowed many honours including the D.Sc. of Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok.

Professor Roy Chaudhury's research work is in the field of reproductive pharmacology, rational use of medicines and in traditional systems of medicine. He was responsible for establishing the D.M. Course in Clinical Pharmacology at Chandigarh in 1978 which remained till two years ago – the only such course in Asia.

As President of the Delhi Society for Promotion of Rational Use of Drugs he and his team set up a system where, without any additional expenditure, patients at the hospitals of the Delhi Government could obtain, free, 90% of the drugs prescribed for them. Before this “Delhi Model” was introduced they used to receive only 25 to 30% of the drugs prescribed. This model is now being introduced in several countries including China where Prof. Roy Chaudhury has set up this system.

As the Founder President of the Delhi Medical Council Professor Roy Chaudhury set up a transparent and equitable system of governance for regulating the medical profession. This included mandatory continuing medical education for doctors before re-registration, developing a Code of Ethics for the doctors, establishing a fair system for taking disciplinary action against doctors where needed and also protecting them against unnecessary harassment.

Professor Roy Chaudhury has been honoured by the Delhi Government by being awarded the Delhi Ki Gaurav award and being bestowed the title of Padma Shri.

He also chaired the Committee for Postgraduate Medical Education in India and since January, 2007 is Chairman of the Task Force for Research of Apollo Hospitals Group in India.

Prof. Roy Chaudhury was a Member of the Committee which drafted the first Ethical Guidelines on Research in Human Subjects of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) in 1980. He was a member of the Committee which drafted the second ICMR Guidelines in 1994 and chaired the Sub Committee for clinical trials of drugs, vaccines and herbal products. He continues to be a member of the ICMR Ethics Committee and other four Institute Ethics Committees of leading medical centres in Delhi.

He has been nominated as a Member of the Central Council for Health and Family Welfare in 2009. He has been recently appointed as Advisor to the Department of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of National Capital Territory of Delhi and more recently as Chairman of the Expert Committee for Reforms in Drug Regulation and Clinical Trials set up by the MoHFW, Govt. of India.
