

डॉ. चंद्रकांत पाटील यांना 'सार्क युवा पुरस्कार' अर्पण

मुंबई, दि. १३ (प्रतिनिधी) - बिहार येथील भीषण महापुरानंतर तेथील नागरिकांना वैद्यकीय मदत पुरवण्यासाठी गेलेल्या केईएम रुग्णालयातील डॉक्टरांच्या पथकाचे नेतृत्व करणारे डॉ. रविकांत सिंह यांना 'सार्क युवा पुरस्कार २००९' जाहीर झाला आहे. या पथकातील डॉ. चंद्रकांत पाटील यांचा अंगावर वीज कोसळल्याने मृत्यू झाला होता. डॉ. सिंह यांनी हा पुरस्कार डॉ. पाटील यांना अर्पण केला असून पुरस्कार स्वरूपात मिळणाऱ्या रकमेतून डॉ. चंद्रकांत पाटील यांच्या नावाने पुरस्कार देण्याची घोषणा त्यांनी केली.



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'सार्क' देशांच्या वतीने दरवर्षी हा पुरस्कार उल्लेखनीय समाजकार्य करणाऱ्या तरुणाला दिला जातो. प्रमाणपत्र, स्मृतिचिन्ह आणि दीड लाख रुपये असे या पुरस्काराचे स्वरूप आहे. २७ एप्रिल रोजी भूतानची राजधानी थिम्पू येथे हा पुरस्कार प्रदान करण्यात येणार आहे. पुरस्काराच्या रकमेमध्ये 'डॉक्टर्स फॉर यू' या संस्थेच्या वतीने आणखी निधी टाकून ती रक्कम बँकेत मुदत ठेव म्हणून ठेवली जाईल आणि त्यातून दरवर्षी 'डॉ. चंद्रकांत पाटील पुरस्कार' दिला जाईल, असे डॉ. सिंह यांनी सांगितले. 'सार्क' देशांमध्ये नैसर्गिक आपत्तींच्या वेळी वैद्यकीय मदत पुरवण्यासाठी या देशांतील डॉक्टरांचे पथक बनवण्यासाठीही प्रयत्न सुरू असल्याचे डॉ. सिंह यांनी सांगितले. याप्रसंगी समाजसेवक मंगला सोनावणे आणि भारतीय जनता युवा मोर्चाचे अमित झा आदी उपस्थित होते.

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City doctor bags SAARC award for work in Bihar

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A CITY doctor bagged the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Youth Award 2009 for his relief efforts during Bihar floods. Dr Ravikant Singh dedicated the award to his batchmate, Dr Chandrakant Patil, a resident doctor from King Edward Memorial (KEM) Hospital, who lost his life while helping flood victims in 2008. "I dedicate this award to Dr Chandrakant Patil, who sacrificed his life for the cause. I believe that he was the force and guiding angel for me and our team," said Dr Singh.

Dr Patil was part of a 48-member team deputed to Bihar from September 17 to September 27 to help flood victims. The doctors were operating from a make-shift hospital at Katariya, Supaul, when the 24-year-old sustained serious burns after being struck by lightning and died.

The team of doctors from 'Doctors for You' worked for Bihar Flood Relief till September 21, 2008 and returned after the death of Dr Patil. Dr Patil along with his team treated over a lakh of patients. However, Dr Singh and few other doctors went back to Bihar in October last year and continued relief work.

Dr Singh said, "It would have been unfair to abort the mission midway especially when Dr Patil was so passionate about the cause. So we went again in October."

"The centre, Doctors For You, has been established with an intention to carry out relief operation in the future with an immediate effect in times of disaster," added Dr. Singh.

Dr Singh was selected by the SAARC selection committee on April 9 this year. The award will be conferred upon him in the 32nd session of the Council of Ministers in Thimphu on April 27.

In Saharsa District in Bihar, 'Doctors For You' is running a child care & maternity centre in association with Mercy Malaysia where over 30,000 patients have been treated so far.

Saarc award for city doctor

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at Thimpu on April 27 this year.

Patna: A Patnaite, Dr Ravikant Singh, became the first Indian to win the Saarc Youth Award 2009 for his selfless services during and after 2008-09 Bihar floods. During the six-month period, he treated more than one lakh patients in 300 health camps which he, along with his 100 plus team members, held in different parts of flood-ravaged Kosi region.

Dr Singh, whose family lives in Bahadurpur locality of Patna, has passed his matriculation examination from the Government High School, Rajendra Nagar, in 1995 and did his I.Sc from the Commerce College, Patna.

According to Singh, he joined his MBBS course in Seth G S Medical College, Mumbai, in 2000 and at present is pursuing his MD in preventive and social medicine.

He received this award from the chairman of Saarc Council of Ministers,

Dr Singh has dedicated his award to his fellow doctor, Dr Chandrakant Patil, who died after lightning struck him in September 2008 on the fifth day of his stay in Bihar while he was treating the patients of flood-ravaged Kosi zone at a medical camp.

At present, Dr Singh is serving as a resident doctor at King Edward Medical Hospital in Parel. This hospital is attached to Seth G S Medical College, said Dr Singh. Dr Singh, while talking to TOI over phone, said that he was advised by foreign minister S M Krishna to get in touch with an NGO named after Dr Kotmish in China for his future health projects.

This doctor of Bihari origin has a plan to build a humanitarian medical disaster relief team for the South Asia region consisting of doctors and volunteers from all the eight Saarc countries and promote blood donation in In-