

Dr. Capt. Vijai Shankar Singh

Dr. Capt. Vijai Shankar Singh, a member of the Medical Council of India, has served the country and its citizens in various capacities. Starting with the Army in 1967, he has gone on to serve as an administrator, an organizational man, a teacher and as a social worker with an exceptional courage, determination and a remarkable sense of responsibility.

NATIONAL AWARDS:

Dr. B.C. Roy National Award in orthopaedic faculty -2005 by the then President of India Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam. He is one of the five surviving recipients in orthopaedic. IMA Dr. A.K.N. Sinha National Award -2000.

ARMY SERVICE:

A sketch of his distinguished career is replete with instances of rare commitment. As the Regimental Medical Officer (RMO) with 8 Sikh Regiment, posted in J & amp; K's Uri sector during the 1971 Indo-Pak war, he demonstrated rare courage by requesting commanding officer Brig Commander and Div. Commander to be stationed close to the battleground where Indian soldiers were making a bid to capture the Pakistani post at Jhandimali rather than at the headquarters at Baz post 5km away from the battle ground. In the ensuing battle, the company suffered heavy casualties. And the challenge before Dr. Singh was to take the injured soldiers to the helipad at Baz post for medical evacuation. During his 3-yearposting at Baz post, he had earned immense respect from villagers in the area due to his selfless treatment provided to them. Once they were called by Dr Singh to help, they came in a hoard and transported the wounded soldiers on their back to the make shift helipad at the headquarters. It goes to Dr Singh's credit that not a single injured soldier who was brought to him during the operation died. During war one of the company commanders refused to go in day time attack Dr. Singh requested the commanding officer to give chance to command the company during this war. The message was forwarded to Brig and Div. Commander. The Message from Div. Commander came the role of the doctor much more important than the company commander let adjutant the command the company. After the war, during a patrolling in a forward area two soldiers fell from a height on the bank of Jhelum at night and remained untraceable. Dr. Singh, after receiving permission from the CO, called for villagers' help who came promptly and found the two soldiers with broken limbs. Both the soldiers

survived. Impressed by Dr. Singh's fearless service he was recommended for Vir Chakra by the Battalion and Brigade. He served in the Army Medical Corps between 1967 and 1973.

ADMINISTRATION:

Dr Singh has held the post of Professor and Head of Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, Nalanda Medical College and Hospital, Patna. Before that, he served the Patna Medical College and Hospital (PMCH), premier college-hospital of the state, in various positions in department of Orthopaedic. He has to his credit a number of research papers which have been published in leading state and national journals. He went on to serve as the Director-in-Chief, Health Service, Govt. of Bihar (1999-2000) and Member, Board of Governor, IGIMS, Patna (1997-2000).

MEDICAL ORGANISATION:

As Honorary State Secretary, IMA Bihar State Branch, during 1984-90, he organized Abhiyan Tika Partirakshan from Danapur to Patna City in 1987 which proved to be a watershed in the control and prevention of diseases. The country had not seen an immunization programme of this scale earlier. Dr. Singh's meticulous planning and implementation ensured that not a single complication arose even after two lakh shots. The campaign was a trend setter following which UNICEF, WHO and the Government of India adopted mass immunization to eradicate polio through the Pulse Polio movement. He has remained a soldier at heart. So, when Bihar faced one of the worst floods in 2008, he could not be away from the ground zero. Along with 20 other doctors, he camped at Saharsa and Madhepura for 15 days, extending help to more than 30,000villagers hit by the calamity. As a Patron, he has been organizing mega health camp annually at Ara for the past 20 years. Nearly 400experts from the fields of Allopathy, Ayurveda, Homeopathy, Unani, Naturopathy, Acupressure and Physiotherapy attend the camp providing treatment free of cost to more than 20,000 patients.

Some of the other key positions which Dr. Singh has held in his long and glorious career are listed below:

1. President – IMA Bihar State Branch (2003-04 & 2004-05)
2. National Sr. Vice President, IMA HQ (2009-10)
3. Secretary, Bihar Orthopedic Association (1984-90)
4. President, Bihar Orthopedic Association (1998-99)
5. President, Central Zone of Indian Orthopedic Association (1999-2000)
6. President, Bihar State Health Association (1992-94)
7. Vice President, Indian Red Cross Society, Bihar state Branch
8. Member, Senate, Veer Kunwar Singh University, Ara, Bihar
9. Member, Medical Council of India

Dr. Singh organized Veer Kunwar Singh Siksha Nidhi two conferences:

1) Tara Mandal, Patna
2) IMA Building, Patna

and enrolled more than 150 patron members. He gave the ideas for donor member for increasing the fund and scholarship to the students. He is very actively associated with functioning of Babu Veer Kunwar Singh Siksha Nidhi.