

## **PM stresses on documentation to study effects of different medicines, treatments**

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### **Calls for evidence-based studies on benefits of yoga**

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The Prime Minister (PM), Narendra Modi greeted the doctor community on Doctors' Day, celebrated on July 1. He said this day, celebrated in the memory of Doctor BC Roy, is the symbol of the highest ideals of our medical fraternity.

The PM stressed on the importance of documentation of experiences by doctors. Along with the experiences, symptoms of the patients and treatment plan needs to be documented in great details. This can be taken up as a research study where effects of various medicines and treatments are noted.

Modi said that sheer number of patients served by our doctors put them ahead of the world. Now is the time when the world takes cognizance and take benefit from these scientific studies. Covid-19 pandemic can be a good starting point for this.

"I wonder if we could study more deeply how vaccines are helping us, how early diagnosis helps. There is no documentation available about the last century's pandemic but now we have technology and our documentation about how we faced Covid-19 will help the humanity", the PM said.

He also commended medical fraternity for spreading awareness about Yoga. The PM has asked if the Indian Medical Association (IMA) can take up the evidence-based studies on yoga in a mission mode. He also suggested that studies on yoga could be published in international journals.