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Press Note

ISCR Regrets the Passing Away of Luminary & Visionary Padma Shri Prof Ranjit Roy Chaudhury

October 27, 2015: It is with deep regret that the Indian Society for Clinical Research (ISCR) heard of the passing away of Padma Shri Prof Ranjit Roy Chaudhury earlier this morning.

To the clinical research fraternity in India, Prof Chaudhury was a friend, mentor and guide. It was his visionary leadership and commitment to the progress of clinical research in India that led the fraternity through its most challenging times and provided new hope of a regulatory environment built on scientific and rational principles. Prof Chaudhury was equally conscious of the responsibility of all stakeholders in contributing to restoring global trust and confidence in the new regulatory environment. “India cannot afford not to do research in new drug discovery. Have confidence in the new rules and regulations, take advantage of them and bring clinical trials back to India,” he had said while delivering the keynote address at the inauguration of the 8th Annual Conference in February this year.

His loss is a big blow to clinical research and the healthcare industry in India. Under his guidance, the country saw the introduction of new regulations and policies built on the principles of scientific research and a framework based on quality, ethics and patient safety. Many of the recent changes in the regulatory environment were a result of his recommendations as head of the Committee to Formulate Policy and Guidelines for Approval of New Drugs, Clinical Trials and Banning of Drugs formed under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

ISCR would like to place on record its gratitude and appreciation of the tremendous contribution made by Prof Chaudhury to the cause of clinical research in India. We appeal to the entire clinical research fraternity to continue on the journey to make his mission of bringing clinical trials back to India a reality. This is the biggest tribute we can pay to his memory. At a sad time like this, it is important for all stakeholders to continue to come together and to continue to work together to ensure that patients in our country have access to newer and better medicines that clinical research makes possible.

May Prof Ranjit Roy Chaudhury's soul rest in peace. We send our condolences to his family and the entire clinical research fraternity.
