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**LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT
AWARD**

D R Mehta, IAS (Retd)

(Chairman, Poly Medicure Ltd., and JMC Projects India Ltd.)

For revolutionising healthcare for the physically disabled in India

A 1961-batch IAS officer of the Rajasthan cadre, Shri D. R. Mehta has over 43 years of rich experience in the civil services, administration and management of public affairs. He is a law graduate who also studied at the Royal Institute of Public Administration, London, and the Alfred Sloan School of Management, MIT, Boston. He held various important positions initially in the Government of Rajasthan and later in the Government of India. He retired from active service as Chairman, SEBI, after holding the post for seven years up to 2002. Before that, Shri Mehta was the Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of India, and the Director General of Foreign Trade, Government of India.

On the social side, Shri Mehta set up, in 1975, the Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti (BMVSS), Jaipur, the largest organisation for the handicapped in the world which provides artificial limbs/callipers and other aids free of charge. Since inception, the BMVSS has rehabilitated more than 1.55 million amputees and polio patients by fitting/providing artificial limbs ('Jaipur foot' variety), callipers, and other aids and appliances in India and in 27 countries across the world. Shri Mehta also runs a centre for leprosy patients and is Chairman of the Gandhi Smarak Nidhi (Rajasthan) - a branch of the national Gandhi Smarak Nidhi.

Shri Mehta received the prestigious international Tech Award for Innovation for Benefit of Humanity instituted by the Tech Museum Innovation Organization in the US. Recognising his service to society, Shri Mehta was also honoured with the Padma Bhushan by the President of India. His Innovation of the New Artificial Limb with Stanford University, USA, was recognised as one of the 50 best Innovations of the world by Time magazine in 2009.



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