

Dr. S. M. Balaji, renowned Maxillofacial Surgeon hailing from Chennai receives The Dr. B.C. Roy Award.

Dr. S. M. Balaji, the renowned maxillofacial surgeon from Chennai hailed for his prowess in Maxillofacial Surgery and for introducing several new and successful techniques to the field of Maxillofacial Surgery, received the coveted Dr. B.C. Roy Award (2005) on July 1, 2008 from the President, Her Excellency Shrimati Prathibha Patel, at the Rashtrapathy Bhavan.

Besides running a successful, well equipped hospital that caters exclusively to patients with facial and dental problems, he is also a consultant to the governments of Maldives, Mauritius and Seychelles.

Author of the bestselling Text book on Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, he is well known among his peers for pioneering several new techniques like the **usage of BMP (Bone Morphogenetic Protein)** and **distraction osteogenesis**. He is well known internationally as the Editor of the Journal of Maxillofacial and Oral Surgery, he is the recipient of several awards and prizes worldwide. Being the **first only PhD** in maxillofacial surgery from Govt. of Dr. M.G.R. Medical University, he is also acclaimed for presenting several innovative techniques like the usage of temporalis myoflap in TMJ ankylosis, correction of facial palsy, correction of facial asymmetry and complete rehabilitation of cleft and other congenital facial deformities.

He was nominated for this award in the year 2005.