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Docs should think global and act local: Madhavan

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KOCHI: The medical community should focus on doing research and finding solutions which are suitable in the local contexts, said former ISRO chairman G Madhavan Nair.

Speaking at the graduation ceremony of the 2005-batch MBBS students of Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham at Amrita Hospital, Kochi, on Thursday, he said that doctors should 'think global and act local', rather than just get into the clinical routine.

The rural communities in the country, which constitute 70 percent of the population, are still waiting for medical and healthcare facilities. Most doctors refuse to work in rural areas and those who do suffer due to lack of proper medical infrastructure.

Stating that the country's space programme also contributed to the medical field by providing medical help through satellites, Madhavan Nair said that tele-medicine was an area which was a huge success as it could help doctors reach out to far-off places. Earlier, AIMS principal Dr Prathapan Nair welcomed the gathering and Swami Poornamritananda Puri blessed the third batch of the medical graduates of Amrita School of Medicine.

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