

JUNI HUNI AND BUNI

Juni , Huni and Buni were very dedicated and well-reputed doctors working in a hospital abroad. They came to Pakistan, their homeland, in order to promote research. The publication of a research paper that would encourage the people, especially the doctors, to look into the serious matter of lack of research in Pakistan was a tedious job. For gathering information related to their topic they headed towards a library. While going through the books Juni's attention was grasped by a map showing the geographical distribution of health resources in Pakistan. He was flabbergasted! His attention was never drawn towards such an important issue of public health in Pakistan before.

In despair he asked Huni and Buni to look at the map and the description. Huni and Buni were busy gathering information for the research paper so they didn't pay attention towards the aspect which was being pointed out by Juni. The article titled 'History of public health in Pakistan' left a strong impact on his mind and he decided to take his colleagues to a public hospital so they could see the real evidence of substandard health facilities.

After leaving the library Huni and Buni noticed the sadness and grief on Juni's face. As they asked Juni to explain the reason of this despair, Juni's eyes got filled with tears. He said "Our Quaid worked day and night for providing human rights to the people of this land. He went up to the British courts and conferences to give us independence and provide basic human rights. And what are we doing? Isn't provision of health a basic human right? Are the people of this land being provided with this very basic facility?" Huni and Buni couldn't understand what Juni wanted to convey. They seemed perplexed. Juni added;" we're heading towards a public hospital and you'll understand what I'm trying to say".

After a while they reached a hospital and Juni asked his colleagues to follow him. As they moved through the corridors of the hospital Hun'si and Buni's facial expressions were changing. They exclaimed; "is this hospital?" Juni replied; "yes! This is what I was trying to say before. Quaid strengthened the Muslims formulated Muslim league and shattered the chains to slavery just to make us breath freely and avail all the human rights. Quaid in all his addresses emphasized on the fulfillment of the basic human rights of all the citizens of Pakistan. Isn't the

availability of basic medical care the outmost need of every individual? Are we actually forming a Pakistan that Quaid dreamt of? Even Liaqat Ali Khan in his first presidential address proposed a health policy because provision of health is a human right. But what are the governments doing now? Are they even bothered about the health section?

As they explored the hospital they found patients lying on the floor, mothers crying in emergency just to seek care for their children, doctors behaving reluctantly and lack of beds in ward. Above all the hygienic measures were being completely neglected. Huni and Buni realized the seriousness of the issue. They agreed with Juni that health of the masses is being neglected by the government and people are being deprived of the basic medical assistance. Juni further explained;” the population is being massively increased while the health resources are insignificant. No efforts are being done in order to enhance the health departments. With this increasing population the pressure on the doctors is amplified. A single doctor has to handle a huge bunch of patients that decreases the efficacy of treatment. Moreover adequate facilities are not provided to the doctors due to which there is a huge exodus of doctors abroad or to the private sector.”

Huni added;” it seems as if no financial assistance is being provided by the government to these hospitals.” Buni replied: “certainly! The reluctant and ruthless behavior of the government is obvious from the pathetic condition of the hospital. I can even see discrimination among patients on the basis of social status. This is really depressing. People here got no humanity?”

Juni exclaimed in melancholy;” these actions are totally humiliating the medical profession. How can you think of improvisation and installment of new technology when this hospital lacks beds?”

How distressing it is to see the hospitals of Pakistan being a place where patients are not being catered properly!

Where basic medical facilities are not being provided!

Where hygienic measures are not being adopted!

Where rural areas are completely devoid of hospitals!

Where doctors are being burdened and forced to discriminate between patients!

Where people die because of reluctant attitude!

IS THIS OUR PAKISTAN?

IS THIS THE PAKISTAN QUAID DREAMT OF?

IS THIS QUAID'S PAKISTAN WHERE PEOPLE ARE DEPRIVED OF THEIR BASIC MEDICAL NEEDS?

IS THIS QUIAD'S PAKISTAN WHERE THERE IS NO PROPER HEALTH POLICY?

IS THIS QUAID'S PAKISTAN WHERE HEALTH PROVISION IS THE LAST PRIORITY?

ALAS!!!!

We need to bring fundament changes in the primary health care domain in order to make it more efficient, effective and easily accessible to masses. High priority should be given to preventive health in formulation of effective programs. Proper health policy should be made that addresses all the problems especially technical and financial problems.

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