

EDITORIAL

It was a pleasant summer morning of 19th August 1964 when I was assigned the task to start the Graduation in Dentistry Programme at Khyber Medical College, Peshawar.

The task was a challenging one. I was given exactly three thousand rupees to setup the Dentistry Department and to start the programme. A year passed smoothly and the second batch of BDS students joined. From third year the students clinical training was to start and it was necessary to have well equipped dental hospital ready by that time. But the events took a wrong and ugly turn.

KMC was under University of Peshawar. The University went into financial crisis and started closing newly opened Departments. One day the news reached me that Dental Department is next on the list. It was important to take some effective measures but none was in sight.

But the nature had something different in store. One day British Deputy High Commissioner came to private clinic which I had established at my residence. He told me that British Government provides Aid for new projects. A flash of light crossed my mind. I explained to him my project and the nature of its importance.

He promised to help and asked me to submit the requirements. That was done promptly. Within 6 months 20 dental chairs, 20 dental units, 3 mobile X Rays, large quantity of laboratory equipment and minor surgical instruments reached University Campus, Peshawar from London along with big stock of dental materials which were enough to meet needs of the patients for next ten years.

Thus the Department of Dentistry was saved from closure.

So one can say

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