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Dear Dr Rani and Dr Abhay Bang

It was wonderful and very inspiring reading about innovative approach to health care

Not just cost effective but very sensitive to the feelings of tribals.

There is still hope for this country which steadily and speedily heading towards doomsday.

There are still handful of young souls rendering yeomen service to the people of real India

It is at Kishore Bharati that I had first heard about you and read about your experiences in the first shibir.

During one my visits to KB Meera Sadgopal got me interested in Medico's friend circle. I am not a physician but have always been very fascinated by that profession.

Because I believe teachers and doctors have a great role to play in the health of a nation.

Unfortunately teachers are poorly paid (and therefore not respected in our society, where increasingly money is the only measure of a man..... this in our country where we say

Matrudevo bhava, gurudevao bhava, athidi devo bhava these are but lip prayers

Thanks to Meera I purchased some of MFC's publications beginning with "In search of diagnosis" It was a real eye opener and I would freely lend it to any one aspiring to pursue MBBS.

I do not know if this had any impact ; Somehow lack of sensitivity (and lack of humour) are deeply ingrained in our minds.

It is through these bulletins and publications I came to know about the remarkable work that was being done by your group.

I think that your comment " America is a dollar intoxicated-country but also a knowledge intoxicated country " sums up the situation and I entirely agree that research must reach those who need it most.

It was very moving to read about the name of the hospital. Finally it is matter of faith and sentiment that cannot be dismissed lightly. How nicely you have integrated the concept of God into changing some of their attitudes

towards hygiene.

And your concluding Chinese couplet is wonderful. This takes my memories back to concept of bare foot doctors in China. And we abandoned LME course soon after independence. We are paying heavily for such foolish planning.

I grew up in a small town and in 1945 was down with typhoid. Many died of typhoid, there was no streptomycin.

I was seven years old and not expected to survive. And was being treated by a local doctor (LME)

God decided that I should survive

I actually wanted to study Medicine but was under age. Ended up being a civil engineer.

I know that my education was subsidised by the society,

I have certainly not made the kind of contribution to the society you too have made.

I have been lucky enough to work for an organisation sincerely committed to ethical conduct and not being a party to any project that we perceived to be against the interest of our nation.

I too have learned many things listening to people who may just be construction worker or a mistry. This always made me feel very humble; their experience has taught them things that cannot be taught in engineering schools. I encourage our young engineers that they should be patient when they visit construction sites and listen to what people have to say ... no matter they are not engineering graduates.

May Ma Danteshwari you all with good health !!!!

With thanks and best regards

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