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Sustritha Samhita says 'vaidyo narayano harihi' and mandates the following qualities to doctors.

- ♦ Polite temperament
- Soft and pleasant dialogue
- Doctor's heart should melt on seeing the misery and pain of the patient
- Doctors should possess an intense desire to wipeout pain and misery
- Above all the doctor should possess a charismatic smile to imbibe confidence in the patient.

Only such virtues can command respect from patients and public alike. Today, Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology Cancer Research and Training Centre, has garnered the reputation of a world class healthcare centre. Thanks to Dr. C. Ramachnadra, who has toiled day and night for the last 1000 days to earn the laurels.

Medical ethics can seldom be earned by the institute on its own. It can be earned only when the head of the organisation resides in the premises; breathes in the premises; and walks around the premises.

As the head of the institute he conducted clinical surgeries to remove omnicide (cancer spots littered with biomedical waste; food waste; and other organic and inorganic wastes) overflowing in the landscape of the hospital.

The head of the institute visualized emerging challenges from the staff and other contractors, who are enjoying various benefits. He has very diplomatically, utilized the services of outside experts and slowly and quietly educated and succeeded in involving the public. In so doing, he has systemically and erased the cancer spots and converted the campus into a beautiful breathing green space – teeming with fauna and flora. Today thousands of visitors are enjoying the serenity and symphonic company of birds, butterflies, bees, beetles etc., joyously flying and fluttering in the campus.

To tell the truth, he himself was a victim of Covid 19 and felt the agony inflicted by the tiny invisible virus. Fortunately, prior to the arrival of the tiny virus, he had planted 1000s of plants which were able to release aromatic cum volatile essential oils, endowed to kill miasma (viral, bacterial and fungal pathogens in air).

Further, he had promptly established a separate wing equipped with all infrastructures to analyze and detect the virus in the samples received from the nooks and corners of the state.

Similarly, he created around 600 posts during his regime and provided special training to doctors and paramedical staff. I was privileged to participate in several events to motivate them; especially the nurses and attenders, whose roles are very vital in the treatment of post operative and geriatric patients.

Subsequent to his personal experience and agony of being infected by the Covid 19 virus, he was able understand the vital medications and precautions needed to treat in-patients as well as out-patients.

He shared with me the somatic internal disintegration of tissues, which he was able to narrate, as a surgeon who has conducted around 25,000 surgeries till date since 1994. By his prompt medication and surgical interventions, he was able to reverse the death of 1000s of patients and gradually commandeered them to good health.

His professional ethics has instilled and distilled abundant confidence and has aided him in fulfilling all his dreams of 1990s. Even on reaching the highest post in the same institute, he was able to internalize good and evils in the organisation and was able to express honest intent and purity by an expert surgeon. On account of his benevolence, intelligence, sincerity and uprightness, today this institute has become a world class cancer treatment institute.

How he could achieve these in 1000 days?

• He put his own house in order, adhering to the principles of medical ethics and principles implanted by the Dr. Krishna Bhargava, the First Director of this autonomous institute in 1980. Dr. Bhargava was a great personality, well known for his sincerity, honesty and hard work. I remember Dr. Bhargava, and when he started this institute in a ramshackle bunker.

- Within the medical profession the most deadly chronic disease is Cancer. The very word virtually instills the panic of death in a patient who is vexed with fears that death is aping at him. Nonetheless, I have seen in this institute that everyone has to a great extent fulfilled the pledge of Hippocratic Oath, and practiced the content of the oath in letter and spirit which is priceless.
- ◆ I will take the liberty to highlight this august audience about Dr. C. Ramachnadra's visible contribution of erasing cancer-spots in the hospital landscape, which is can be considered as one of his great contributions. He has gradually added a green scape and waterscape which attract butterflies, bees, birds and provide company to the inmates, out patients. Moreover, the greenery created by him is providing quality breathable air to one and all.

His medical accomplishments

In 1000 days of his administration he added a large floor area in a grandiose plan with specific compartments with all modern facilities and comforts to doctors,

- paramedical staff, patients, their attendants and visitors.
- His two most important contributions are the establishment of the bone-marrow transplant centre for treating the cancer patients and the psycho-oncology centre for providing the requisite courage and confidence for the self healing of the patients.
- He doubled the number of ICU units and he travelled intensively in the state to assess the regional needs and established Oncology Centers at Gubarga, Tumkur and Mysore.
- He was able to acquire the latest knowledge and skills by visiting premier institutes all over the world and implemented them silently in the Institute.
- Sri DV Gundappa says as follows
 - ನಮ್ಮ ಬದುಕು ಹದಗೊಂಡಷ್ಟು, ಪಾಕಗೊಂಡಷ್ಟು ಭಗವಂತನ ಕೃಪೆ ಇಳಿದು ಬರುತ್ತದೆ.
 - ದೈವಕೃಪೆ ಎನ್ನುವುದು ಪರಸತ್ವ, ಸದಾಕಾಲ ನಿತ್ಯ ನೂತನವಾಗಿ ಸುರಿಸುವ ಕೃಪಾಧಾರೆ.
 - ಈ ಧಾರೆ ನಮ್ಮೆಡೆಗೆ ಹರಿದು ಬರುವ ವೇಗ ನಮ್ಮ ಬದುಕು ಪಕ್ಷವಾದಂತೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚಾಗುತ್ತದೆ ಹಾಗು ಬದುಕು ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಪರಿಶುದ್ಧವಾದಂತೆ ಆ ದೈವ ಕೃಪೆ ನಮ್ಮ ಭಾವಚರ್ಯೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಮತ್ತು ಬಾಹ್ಯಚರ್ಯೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ತುಂಬುಕೊಂಡು ಬೆಳೆಯುತ್ತದೆ.

- ಇದು ಪರಮಸತ್ಯವೆಂದು ಡಿ.ವಿ.ಜಿಯವರು ತಮ್ಮ
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- It is pertinent to note that the above message of DVG is applicable to Dr. C. Ramachandra, in today's context.
- Finally, I am delighted to note that the organizers have very aptly conferred the title 'Karnataka Druva Thaare' on Dr. C. Ramachandra. May his tribe increase to take forward the institute's legacy in a noble manner.

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