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Experience is not what happens to you; it's what you do with what happens to you.
- Aldous Huxley

Face to Face

The sense of intimidation vaporizes as the interview proceeds . . . your respect for him increases manifold . . . You get lost exploring and discovering numerous facets of his dynamic personality encased in a calm demeanor. . . You are left in awe of Sir, a man with as much flair with words as his depth of understanding and compassion towards others . . . That he is a perfectionist is evident from the keen interest he took in the interview right from the beginning ensuring that it was conducted successfully. Words fall short to describe what vast multitude of virtues and wisdom this man possesses.

On his retirement, Prashaman presents the interview of Dr. Ram Dikshit, Professor and Head, Department of Pharmacology, BJMC.

Prashman: Being a teacher at heart, what did you like the most about teaching?

Dr.Dikshit: It is a highly satisfying profession. You face a large number of expectant eyes, ears and brains every day. It gives you an eternal peace when you notice that the students have understood all that you wanted to convey them. A glitter in their eyes tells you all and those are the moments you preserve as a treasure.

Prashman: Please tell us about one of your memorable experiences that stand out.

Dr.Dikshit: So many and it is difficult to pin-point one. But I think my best moments are those when I came across distinguished person from India or abroad (whom I may or may not recognize) who comes to me, greets me and tells me and with a palpable nostalgia that he/she was my student. There are numerous incidents like this and perhaps these are my most memorable experiences. Other such moments are those when parents come to me on the day of Orientation telling they were my students and the pleasure of teaching the second generation is incomparable.

Prashman: If we compare the students in past and now, how do you think they have changed?

Dr.Dikshit: Oh, quite a lot! Actually, times have changed. Competition has increased. Expanse of the students has greatly widened. Social values and expectations have become quite demanding. Accordingly, now the students are much more focused, well-informed and target oriented as they know usually quite in advance as to what and how they have to achieve in future.

Prashman: What according to you are the changes/modifications needed in the present teaching methods?

Dr.Dikshit: The Curriculum should be such that it takes into account the present and the future job requirements of our students. The Teaching methods should help them understand the basics so that when they read the details they are able to follow them correctly. The Examination system should again try to measure the level of understanding rather than the rote-knowledge!

Prashman: Your views/take on the Pharmacovigilance project and web-based teaching employed by the BJMC-Pharmacology department?

Dr.Dikshit: I think Pharmacovigilance is an important national programme. We at BJMC are doing our best in this area and I hope that once we have a sizeable database nationally, it would be of great help to our regulators, policy planners and prescribers.

Prashman: What are your views on upcoming areas, newer trends and future of Pharmacology?

Dr.Dikshit: I think several new areas are rapidly forthcoming in Pharmacology and allied sciences. All of them aim to make Pharmacology more efficient i.e. effective, safe, affordable and convenient. As for the future of this subject, as a science it has a tremendous future. However, to continue to enjoy a secure and meaningful position in medical curriculum, it will have to prove its utility in some or other aspects of day-to-day patient care.

Prashman: What are you going to miss the most?

Dr.Dikshit: (With a gleam in his eyes and a genial smile!!) Oh, all of you! A vast



Does it click??



The correct answer of previous issue : Mahatma Gandhi

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Spiritual Spirals

The child has grown (?)
The dream is gone
Leaving behind
Some echoes divine.
But the universe grows
Life never slows.
But the time does
Don't believe, but it does
(So life does?)
When you look back,
Through that crack
You can't see the light
But you can feel the fight
That you had in that dream,
One that you tried hard to
win.
But still the dream is gone
Thoughts are still all alone.
You then ask yourself
Is it all about your 'self'?

Traveller X

Trip to Kenya -Tanzania

I had a wonderful time at Kenya and Tanzania. Kenya is economically very poor but it is very rich in biodiversity.

"Animals and animals all around!!!"

Ngorongoro crater was the most beautiful place. It is a crater present in Tanzania. It is full of myriad of animals, flora and fauna. I recommend everybody to visit these countries once in a life time. I learnt many Swahili words like 'jambo' means hello 'Quaheri' means bye bye. People of Kenya and Tanzania were extremely polite. Every tourist was welcomed with a nice smile and refreshing greetings 'jambo'.



There is a place in Kenya named "Masai Mara" where one is able to see the "Masai Migration" if lucky enough! The villagers living in this place i.e. Masai were truly unique. They live in jungles and hunt wild animals. They drink 2 litres cattle blood everyday by sucking it from the carotid artery of their herds. One of the Masai villager said that his favourite drink is milk and blood mixed together.

Another place named "Lake Nakuru" which means "A Dusty Place" in Masai language. It possesses a habitat of millions of flamingoes also known as "Birds' Paradise".



-Mirant Dave
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