



Medical University

Sir,

About three months ago there was a news item that a medical university was to be established in Bangladesh next year. Even a figure of fifteen crore take was mentioned as the initial requirement for the construction of buildings for this purpose.

Last months the news was that all medical colleges and medical college hospitals of Bangladesh would be given autonomy from July 1989. This declaration was retracted a few days later.

Again, a few days ago, there was news on T.V. and in newspapers that a revolutionary change would be brought about shortly in the field of medical education in Bangladesh.

Finally came the news on July 2, 89 that it was decided in a meeting of Vice-Chancellors of all the universities of Bangladesh that there would be no medical university in this country. On the other hand medical education would be brought under the Ministry of Education while the Ministry of Health will remain responsible for the administration of hospitals. It pains me to find such inconsistency in policies relating to medical education and health care in this country.

A medical college hospital is the laboratory of the medical college concerned. The standard of a medical college hospital as regards equipments, staff and administration dictates the standard of education in the related medical college. A medical college can not exist without a hospital. But a hospital can without a medical college.

A very close, cordial, co-ordinated and concerted effort by a medical college and the allied hospital is absolutely necessary for giving good education to medical students and good service to patients.

The proposed new arrangement may work in a country where the administrative machinery is streamlined.

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