

BASUDEV | SCENE 2

24 EXT. DOCTOR RAM MANOHAR LOHIA HOSPITAL, NEW DELHI - NIGHT 24

A retirement party is in progress on the lush green lawn of Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya Hospital.

A few people are standing behind rows of chairs and having soft drinks and snacks while the others are seated and looking towards the stage where an elegant lady doctor (Early 40s) is speaking.

LADY DOCTOR

Today is a sad and a happy day. SAD day kyunki Dr. Basudev retire ho rahe hain...aur HAPPY day kyunki Doctor Basudev aaj ke baad life jyada jiyenge aur stress mein kam rahenge...I remember Doctor Basudev ne ek baar mujhe kaha tha ki successful doctor bane rehne ke liye aapko sirf do cheezo'n ki jarurat hoti hai EMPATHY and POETRY. Itna beautifully iss profession ko aaj tak kisi ne define nahi kia..On that note I'd like to call upon Dr. Basudev to say a few words.

A 60 year old, lanky, Tamilian man walks up to stage. This is **Doctor Basudev Natrajan**. With poetic demeanor, graceful smile, neatly combed salt and pepper hair.

Doctor Prakash sitting in the second row with his family. He is looking in awe of Doctor Basudev. Prakash's wife looks least interested in Basudev. She is looking at the saris of other ladies.

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DOCTOR BASUDEV NATRAJAN

A very good evening friends.

(to the lady doctor)

Thank you Doctor Anjali for the gracious words.

The lady doctor smiles.

DOCTOR BASUDEV NATRAJAN (CONT'D)

Let me begin with an anecdote.

(in broken Hindi)

Mera appa kehta tha baat ko gisse ki trah sunao toh log dhyaan deta hai...

Dr Basudev has a very heavy South Indian accent.

DOCTOR BASUDEV NATRAJAN (CONT'D)

Jab main little kid tha...5 ya 6
saal ka..mere ko har raat ek sapna
aata tha..main ek nadi cross kar
raha hai..sir par ek basket le kar
...aur basket ke andar ek bachha
hai....rain all over....main jaise
jaise bachhe ko le kar river ke
andar jaata tha..river aur deep
hota jaata tha...

Prakash is mesmerized looking at Doctor Basudev.

DOCTOR BASUDEV NATRAJAN (CONT'D)

Aur jab pani mera gala ke upar tak
aata tha..rain stop ho jaata tha...
aur main bachhe ko lekar river
cross kar jaata tha...main ek din
apna appa ko bola ye sab..appa mere
ko bola..wo jo bachha basket mein
hai wo lord Krishna hai..aur tum
lord Krishna ka appa Basudev..bada
hokar doctor bano tum..tumhare
haath mein bahut logon ki life ko
bachana likha hai..

There's a huge round of applause for Doctor Basudev.

DOCTOR BASUDEV NATRAJAN (CONT'D)

(with smile) God doctors ko
exclusive blessing dekar bhejta hai
earth par..No service is greater
than this. Thank you ladies and
gentleman for such a warm farewell.

Doctor Basudev comes down the stage and gets mobbed by his
colleagues for pictures.