

A Silver Lining in the Cloud of COVID-19: Musings During a COVID-19 Posting!

The corona virus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic has illustrated to the world how underprepared we are in dealing with such medical emergencies. With fear and uncertainties ruling high in the minds of the people, hopes of a miracle cure or an effective vaccine is still years away. The world appears to be in cross-roads as the second wave of COVID-19 is crashing on its shores and yet people are trying to rebuild their lives in the face of a severe economic crisis. Many lives of the young and aged, the mediocre and the famous, the poor and the rich alike are lost each passing day including health care workers in the fore front of the battle. The anxiety and stress levels on the minds of the people are clearly visible as fear in their eyes. But despite all these, humanity appears to still prevail. People willing to help affected neighbours are making it to the news too apart from the brick bats which one is very often accustomed to reading. It is heartening to see many sons and daughters taking care of their aged parents in COVID-19 wards as attendants without fear of contracting the virus. The eagerness of a young child patient to learn was very much evident when he was found to be upset as he could not attend his online classes due to poor signal in his mother's phone inside the COVID ward. There was this brave old man who remained quite confident that he would come through, despite his falling oxygen saturation, as he had always been practicing breathing exercises regularly. A newborn baby smiling happily in his sleep knowing that his mother lying beside him will take care of him, come what may. The young doctors- namely the interns and residents too, playing their part- displaying immense courage and enthusiasm working in the COVID-19 wards fearlessly, even the seniors should learn from them, lessons one or two. Adversities are known to bring out the best in man and there can be no better example than the current COVID-19 crisis to understand and appreciate the same.