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Reporter's Diary

What senior doctors at Apollo Hospitals could not do for their chairman, P.C. Reddy, a non-allopathic cure did. He said he was suffering from severe spondylitis and chiropractors at the hospital couldn't offer him relief.

``What cured me was pranic healing," he said at the recent launch of a Medical Music Therapy course at the hospital.

It was an occasion when Dr. Reddy went all gung-ho about alternative systems of medicine.

His new prescription is an integrated approach to medical treatment, which will offer the patient the best of all systems.

Are the patients ready, Dr. Reddy?

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It is a tough job for teachers to inspire students to take up causes they espouse. At the inauguration of the Siddha herbs exhibition in Chennai recently, C.N. Deivanayagam saw cakes and other eatables being served to the guests and said in his speech that whether at the Siddha College and Hospital or in government functions convened by the department of Indian Medicine, efforts should be taken to serve Siddha herbal beverages and eatables like `Kadalai Urundai' — balls made of groundnut.

The students broke into laughter on hearing this. The professor did not miss it. Watching them laugh, he said, ``if you laugh over what I said, then how can you espouse the cause of the medicine you are practising," he asked them. It was a question that brooked no answer.

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The Airports Authority of India declared open a newly-constructed wide canopy (see photo) in front of the arrival hall of the Kamaraj Domestic Terminal on Monday to provide shelter for passengers and visitors from the vagaries of weather.

According to R.J. Treasuryvala, Chennai Airport Director,

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