**Nurses fly out to greener pastures, K'taka hospitals battle staff crunch**

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Bengaluru: The nurses and junior doctors at the 1,112-bed KMC Hospital in Mangaluru, where patients are seen waiting for hours from rikshas, tamils, rickshaws and ambulances, have called for a mass resignation if conditions do not improve. With 5,000 patients and 1,400 staff members, the hospital is the largest in the south of India. With a staff shortage of 200 medical staff, the hospital has less than half the required number of doctors.

The hospital has 1,112 licensed staff of which 200 are shown against post-graduate medical posts for which there has been no recruitment for 12 years. Further, several nurses and junior doctors have been transferred to other hospitals.

The hospital administration has not posted any new medical staff. Hospitals across the state are facing a staff crunch. There are around 1,000 hospitals in the state with a combined staff of 1,200,000. However, the state has given licences to more than 16,000 hospitals with a staff of 1.5 million.

The officials have also said that they are waiting for the government to appoint them once the vacancies are filled.

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The hospital has a history of 111 years. It had been started as a charity hospital by a group of medical practitioners and some local philanthropists. The hospital was founded in 1900 and was named after the late Dr. S. N. Ali, a renowned physician and surgeon who served as the medical officer in charge of the hospital.

The hospital has been in continuous operation since its inception, and has been known for its high-quality care and exceptional patient outcomes. The hospital is a teaching hospital and is affiliated with the University of Health Sciences, Bangalore. The hospital has a strong research program and is committed to advancing the field of medicine.

The hospital has a strong tradition of community service and is actively involved in improving the health outcomes of the local community. The hospital is committed to providing high-quality care to all patients, regardless of their ability to pay.