

Editor Speak

Dear Readers,

In the recent past, Homeopathy has been facing several challenges - challenge from within to develop global standards on education; challenges on mainstreaming its strength in the health system of different countries, challenges in harmonising the pharmacopeia standards, challenges in marketing the homeopathic products, challenges in the regulatory system, evolving standard treatment protocols and so on. On another spectrum, there has been a growing intolerance on the popularity of the system from certain quarters who proclaim to be the custodian of scientific thoughts. In spite these; Homeopathy continues to be the largest complementary medical system in the world. More counties are introducing this medicine in their health system.

In India, Homeopathy is getting wider public acceptance and governmental support. 191 homeopathic undergraduate colleges teaching 5 ½ yrs course, 41 institutions conducting 3 years postgraduate courses, an autonomous Research Council with about 30 peripheral centres, a statutory Council to regulate education and practice, about 9000 dispensaries run by the government, strong professional organisations, Homeopathic Pharmacopeia Laboratory, National Institutes and various schemes by the government to fund research and development are some of the infrastructure support Homeopathy has got in India. The interesting fact is that Homeopathy could make deep imprints in Indian health system and more so in the ethos of Indian living in spite of a pan Indian spread of Allopathic institutions and infrastructure and the traditional practices and therapies like Ayurveda, Yoga, Naturopathy, Unani and Siddha continue to be popular in many parts of the country.

Asian Journal of Homoeopathy has been in the forefront spreading the scientific thoughts and provoking the young minds to think differently. We have been focusing to be catalyst of scientific fervour. The support and patronage we received from the profession has been tremendous. This made us to ponder to expand our reach globally. One of the feedbacks we received is that the title "Asian" is restrictive meaning and limiting its mandate. Our well wishers suggested changing the name to connote a global perspective. We thought these suggestions prudent. Homeopathy is a global system and the purpose of this journal is to infuse scientific thoughts on Homeopathy globally. From the beginning the journal tried to keep strict norms in selecting articles. In this we succeeded to a great extent. Now, Asian Journal of Homoeopathy is quoted as a reference material in many places. Keeping all these, we decided to change the name of this journal to "**Advancements in Homeopathic Research**" from this issue onwards.

Hope the profession will accept this change and continue to support us to enrich Homeopathy with the latest developments in Homeopathy

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