

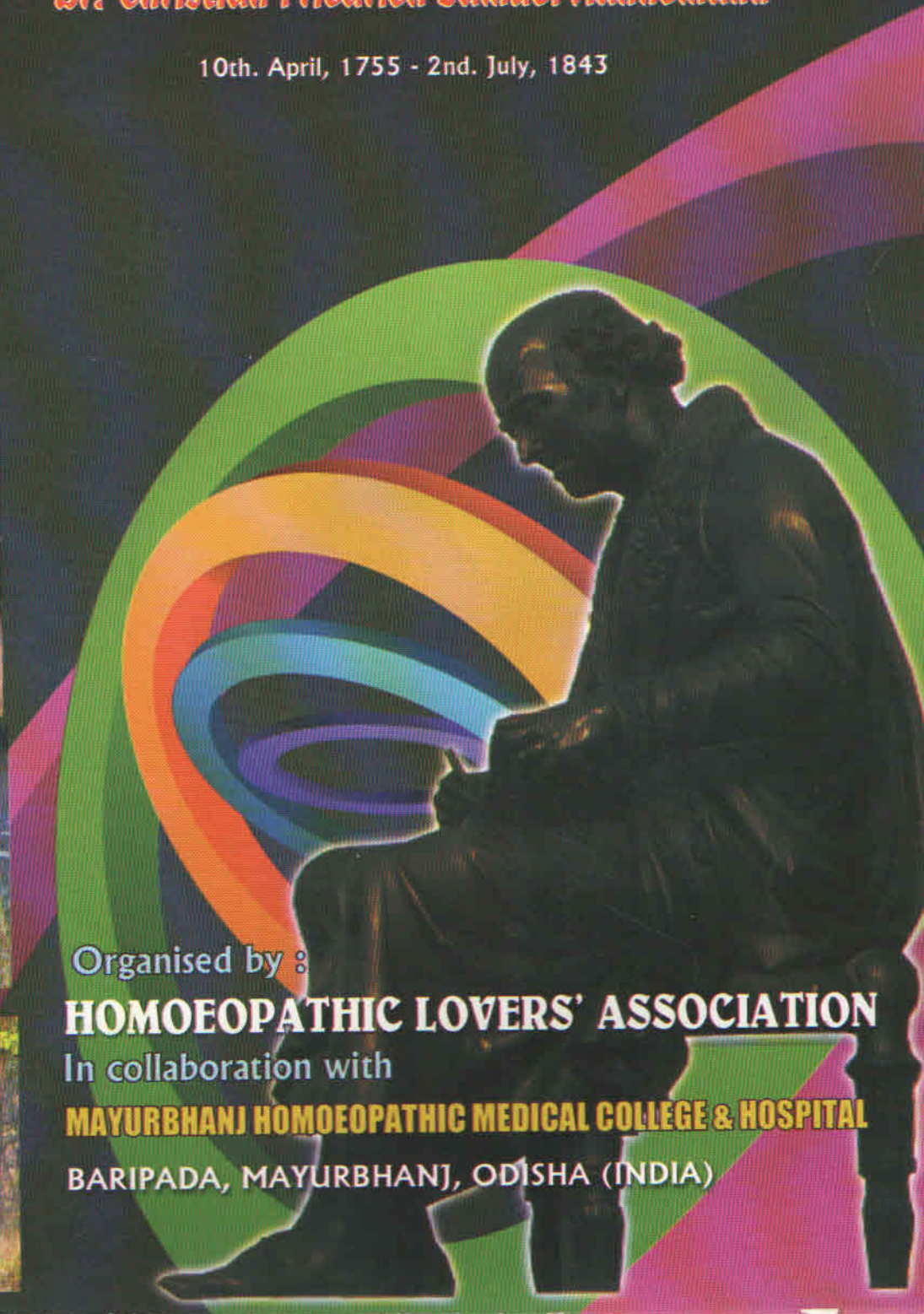


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## Status of Homoeopathy around the Globe

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Homeopathy is a system of medicine, was developed in 18<sup>th</sup> century by Dr. Samuel Hahnemann at German & spreads gradually but steadily with ups and falls across the globe. During its long journey from 1790 till date by virtue of its inherent power of treating the sick persons, it could cross many obstacles on the way made by conventional pharmaceuticals & gradually more popular & now accepted second most used therapeutic science as stated by WHO.

The development of Homoeopathy in the recent past across the globe has been quite impressive. The public acceptance of this system is growing very fast. The practice of Homoeopathy is widespread in Europe, the United Kingdom, Pakistan, Srilanka, Malaysia, South Africa, Nigeria, Russia, South & North America, New Zealand & the south pacific. Homoeopathy has been integrated in to the National Health care systems of many Countries, including India, Mexico, Pakistan, Srilanka & the United Kingdom. It is being introduced in the Health care system of few Countries such as UAE. It is also being revived in certain Countries from where it was wiped out. The forward march of Homoeopathy is steady & impressive. Due to the increase in the demand for the treatment, a large number of practitioners are coming out of educational institution. Other notable achievements are the increase in teaching institutions, Pharmaceutical industries, Research activities & establishment of health care centre, etc.

Status in different countries: Homoeopathy is currently used in over 85 countries throughout the world, mainly Europe. It is also highly represented in South America (Brazil, Argentina), India & Pakistan. Homoeopathy was one of the principle systems of treatment in North America. The system has seen a downfall due to several reasons, in late 20<sup>th</sup> century. Nevertheless, Consistent growth is now noted. Over the last thirty years Homoeopathy has also developed & made an appearance in South Africa, Tunisia, Morocco, Venezuela, Israel, Australia, Middle east etc. In several countries, Homoeopathy is integrated in the health care system ( India, Mexico, Brazil ) whereas, in others, its practice is authorized but not legalized ( Argentina ). In many cases (France, Italy, Spain, etc), the prescription of Homoeopathic drugs, like all drugs,

is exclusively limited to doctors- whether generalist or, specialists (Pediatrician in Italy & Brazil) – as well as certain health professionals who are not doctors but are medically & officially qualified in their country (Osteopath, Neuropaths, Chiropractors), are also able to prescribe drugs and in particular homoeopathic drugs (Germany, U.K., United states, Canada, etc).

### **Integration at Health Care Delivery System**

Homoeopathy has been integrated within the national health care system in the United Kingdom for almost 50 years, and both expenses for consultations and medicines is paid by the Govt when the patient has been treated in one of the homoeopathic hospitals or when a medical doctor has referred them to a homoeopath. Homoeopaths offering such treatment can either be doctors who have specialized in homoeopathy or a professional homoeopath working in centers with medical doctors. Expenses for consultations and medicines is refunded in Germany, provided the practitioners is a medical doctor, in France 65% of expenses for both consultation & medicines can be refunded. In seven Countries private Insurance Company refund expenses (Norway, Germany, France, the Netherland, U.K, Australia & India).

There are now four Homoeopathy Hospital in the U.K. one Swedish & some German Hospital offer Homoeopathic Medicine to their patient. In Rusia, the doctors are free to prescribe Homoeopathic medicine in the Hospital. The Danish parliament, in December, 1998 voted in favor of establishment of a research & science centre for alternative medicines. An amount of 3 million Danish kroner have been funded for establishing this center.

In Australia national competency standard (NCS) have been developed. Homoeopaths are waiting for the authorities to give official approval for this document: The Prince of Wales has established a committee, which discusses how complementary & alternative therapies could be integrated in to the national health care system.

The Norwegian Parliament has made several important decisions regarding complementary & alternative therapies. A resolution has been made on the establishment of a register of alternative practitioners, assessment of official approval of education & an evaluation of what position these therapies should have within the national health care system. The Norwegian parliament also voted in favor of including practitioners of complementary &

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alternative therapies in projects for preventive health care. All these decision have been unanimous.

### Education

The Homoeopathy Central Council Act, 1973 grants reorganization to Homoeopathy in India. Srilanka, Pakistan, U.K., etc. do have separate legislation legalizing Homoeopathy. Very recently the UAE & Kuwait has recognized Homoeopathy.

In Germany medical doctors can take Homoeopathic education part time after having finished their medical examinations.. There are no educational standards for Homoeopathic practitioners (Heilpraktikers in Germany); the only requirement for earning the distinction Heilparktikers is the successful passage of an examination set by the public Health Department. This exam is supposed to show that the Heilpraktikers has sufficient knowledge in medical subjects so he or, she will not harm patients.

Seven Universities of France offer Homoeopathic education in addition to private schools, some of which are being run by manufactures of Homoeopathic medicines. There is however, no official standard for education & training of Homoeopaths.

One University in the United Kingdom gives the title of "Health sciences: Homoeopathy" (B.Sc.) after completed studies. However, this only constitutes the theoretical part of the education & does not include clinical practice.

Homoeopathic association in Australia have worked to gather in order to establish a standard that defines what competency a homoeopath should have. This has been done in cooperation with public education authorities. Australian homoeopaths are now waiting for the standards to be ratified by the appropriate Govt. department. Some schools have been accredited by Govt. funded vocational institutions. These schools offer 4-1/2years full time education.

Pakistan has about 72 colleges imparting 4 years diploma course. Srilanka Govt. proposes to start Homoeopathic college on the similar line that of India. In Nepal, there is Homoeopathic College conducting five & half years degree course.

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The level of education & training varies from one training institution to another & from Country to Country. Most National associations for Homoeopaths have undertaken to set a standard for education & training. The European & international Councils for classical Homoeopathy (ECCH) have developed " Guidelines for homoeopathic Education" Several schools all over the world have adjusted their education & training in accordance to these guidelines.

The demand for the medicine is increasing. Simultaneously; there is an increase for the demand for the medicines of quality. Many of the countries do not have their own manufacturing units. They mainly depend on other countries for their requirements. The leading countries exporting homoeopathic medicines are Germany, France & India. 'Good Manufacturing practice' (GMF) requirements are essential for export of medicines.

So to make uniformity education, manufacture of drugs, research standards, various polices, it is high time for the Homoeopaths to assemble through different forums, associations to find out the way to make it of a universal standard in above respects by which its importance and acceptability will be as par with the conventional medicines.

*"Homoeopathy is the latest and refined method of treating patients economically and non-violently. Government must encourage and patronise it in our country. Just as my non-violence will never fail, Homoeopathy never fails. But the followers of Homoeopathy may fail owing to faulty application of the principles."*

- Mahatma Gandhi

*"Look for the inner causes of disharmony much more than the outer one. It is the inside which governs the outside."*

- The Mother