

NMC will destroy homeopathy

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The bridge course provision for Ayush system doctors in the National Medical Commission Bill has sparked discussions in the medical field. The Indian Homoeopathic Medical Association is against it as it is in direct violation of the principles of homeopathy. In the long-run, this will only result in the dilution or annihilation of the system of homeopathy in India.

The correct remedial measure to ensure adequate medical services to remote rural population is to appoint homeopathy and other Ayush system doctors there with adequate infrastructure and staff. Do not forget that the five-and-a-half year course BHMS course includes all pre-clinical and clinical subjects that are taught during MBBS course and it follows the same curriculum. The difference comes in the pharmacology part, where we study homoeopathic medicines and its applications.

If given an in-depth training in auxiliary measures and emergency management, we Ayush doctors are confident that we can cater to the health care needs of the population, adhering to our own system of medicine, in a better way. For example, one can see homoeopathic dispensaries and clinics in government and private sector and they manage almost all types of clinical cases, barring emergencies.

We welcome any course or learning opportunity introduced by the government that would enable us to adopt modern technologies in the field of investigative and diagnostics. This will ensure that we are able to provide better medical care through homeopathy. We are already doing a wonderful job in the field of infertility management (Janani project) and cancer treatment (Government homoeopathic hospital Wandoor, Malappuram).

We strongly oppose the allegations of allopathic doctors that we are seeking a backdoor entry to practice allopathy. Sorry. We are not interested in 'mixopathy'; but we welcome the integration of different systems of medicines for the betterment of mankind.

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