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## EDITORIAL

### REGISTERED VS. INSTITUTIONALLY TRAINED HOMOEOPATHS

Very interesting things are happening at the association level. A few years ago the erstwhile All India Institute of Homoeopathy (AIIH), an association of institutionally trained homocopaths, and All India Homoeopathic Practitioners' Association (AIHPA), an association of registered homoeopaths, amalgamated and formed HMAI in order to consolidate the homoeopathic fraternity. It was so to say an emotional alliance rather than integral. It was apprehended that this alliance would not last long, and it happened as anticipated. The faction of AIIH did not find the arrangement suitable to them and broke away to be called Indian Institute of Homoeopathic Physicians (IIHP). The reason that was put forward was that some of the office bearers of the HMAI were not institutionally trained, but were only registered. Was this really the only reason or because some of them did not get key positions in the HMAI? Both the organisations claim that they are the saviours of Homoeopathy in the country. In fact these associations centre around a few past and present figures of homoeopathic politics. The fraternity does not even feel the existence of these associations and their activities. This is seen through the attendance at the monthly and annual gatherings, either at the all India, state, district or unit level. In short the impact of activities has not yet reached the practitioners in general sufficient to generate interest. By and large the practitioners in general look at the key figures with a sense of reverence, and wonder as a child looks at pictorial comic of Superman and Phantom. They are lured by their affluent habits, refined mannerism, sophisticated and sweet talks and frequent visits abroad. It will be worthwhile to assess their contribution to homocopathic profession both at individual and association level.

Recently the Secretary General of one of these associations has started issuing circulars, informing about the decisions taken at the Liga meeting in Sussex in March-April this year. He claims that Liga has decided to derecognise HMAI and has decided to recognise the IIHP. In fact no such decision has been taken. The problem, if at all necessary to be taken up, would be considered at the next meeting of Liga in Vienna. The same circular also says

that Dr. Kanjilal has been derecognised for National Vice-Presidentship. This is also incorrect. Dr. Kanjilal automatically finishes his term as National Vice-President and the question of derecognition does not arise. In that case Dr. Diwan Harishchand who has been the President has also finished his term. Can we say that he is also derecognised?

After all what is LIGA? And what is its importance to Indian Homoeopathy and homoeopaths? Its importance is only to the few top brasses of Homoeopathy. 150 years of slavery and eventless post-independent era have not made us forget the white-skin supremacy. All these years Liga did not consider Indian homoeopaths for active membership. It is only in the last meeting that they have agreed to recognise qualified people for the membership. In fact the type of Homoeopathy that is practised in India is far superior to the one practised elsewhere. May be some foreign homoeopaths have achieved superiority in certain areas of homoeopathic art and practice.

Let it be pointed out here that post-independence census had revealed that more than 4 lacs lay practitioners were practising Homoeopathy as against a few thousand qualified practitioners. It was these lay practitioners who kept the banner of Homoeopathy aloft and this sizable number forced the government to enact the CCH Act. A few institutionally trained ones cannot rule them. A platform has to be given to the lay practitioners to vent their grievances. This is the transitional period. Gradually this number will fall and finally only the institutionally trained homoeopaths will remain. A similar situation existed among the allopathic practitioners some sixty years ago. They did not discard their people. The sense of superiority complex will bring the downfall of Homoeopathy very quickly.

If the two Associations decide to live separately, let them do so by all means. But no mud slinging will be proper and they should work for the cause of Homoeopathy and not for their personal benefit. They can work independently. It is only then the fraternity will understand the importance of one or the other.

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