

JOURNALISM IN HOMOEOPATHY

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Indian Homoeopathy at the present moment has arrived at a crucial juncture and right at this juncture we have to be very much careful and realistic in planning and processing the blue-prints of master-plan on development, education etc. in the field of Homoeopathy. And in these fields the homoeopath journalists have a great role; and if they fail (may God forbid it!) to discharge their duties properly, the course and progress of the development of Homoeopathy may take a wrong turn and like as 'history repeats' the Homoeopathy (Indian) will go to the bottom of the Indian Ocean (as happened in other countries) and will be no worth for the benefits of ailing persons as during the recent years it promised and expected to be so.

Drs. Kanjilal, late Sankaran, Chitkara have opened up new vistas in the field of journalism in Homoeopathy. And all the homoeopath journalists should put maximum care, vigil and circumspection in preparing and serving the criticomments (e.g. editorials, comments etc.). It is well-known and proved beyond all doubts that journalists play a vital role in raising, establishing, crystallising and focusing the mass opinion and the govt. formulates, adds and alters the plans and programmes in accordance with the mass opinion and demand. And it is also known that mass opinion can change and divert the course of history. So let us pragmatically hope that our homoeopath journalists by their effective and idealistic journalism will put the chariot of Homoeopathy moving and moving. And for which I humbly submit the following suggestions to the profession to be examined, improved upon and altered by my respected colleagues, teachers and seniors:

(1) All journalists should keep a watch-dog eye on and should be 'not miser' in showering their journalist-ruling (e.g. editorial comments etc.) to any non-homoeopathic (i.e. against fundamentals of homoeopathic theory and practice) papers, comments, sayings and demands etc.

(2) The editorials should be directed to inspire the mass practitioners to 'adhere to Homoeopathy' and in no circumstance should get deviated from the basic principles of Homoeopathy. And, to raise the 'ego' (so to say) in the practitioner's mind, the writings may be well-documented and substantiated by proofs, case-reports, strong logics, examples etc.

(3) The various (both recurring and non-recurring) problems of Homoeopathy and homoeopaths should be critically analysed and their solutions are to be chalked out and if necessary, all the practitioners should be asked for their valued opinion through 'opinion-polling'. And only through such democratic way the problems especially the vital ones can be 'stitched-up'.

(4) Apropos of the homoeopathic education the journalists should also examine and re-examine the curricula of the various degree/ diploma/post-

graduate courses and the examination patterns and if necessary, they, after consulting expert educationist, may raise voice for change, addition and alteration in accordance with the basic-principles and *modus operandi* of Homoeopathy as and when the time and circumstances demand. All the curricula and examination patterns should be aimed at producing *homoeopaths* and not at fulfilling the standard, craze and fashion of modern disciplines.

(5) Journalists should keep themselves free from and should also raise voice against nepotism (prevailing to-day!), dirty power-politics etc. One can see in the back volumes of various journals that tactfully and unconsciously some editors avoided to put forward 'due' editorial rulings to some 'deserving' un-homoeopathic articles, a clear picture of nepotism!

(6) If any social injustice is inflicted upon any homoeopath in particular or homoeopathic profession in general, the duty of the journalist should be at stimulating the homoeopathic society, organisations and general population by stating and analysing the fact for mass reaction against any such misdoings.

Let us not forget that an un-biased, honest, courageous, idealist journalist will be adored by every one. And, in conclusion, I humbly request the profession to keep their eyes and all other senses open and to react as and when necessary. Otherwise all the toils and troubles that our ancestors and ourselves have undergone to establish Homoeopathy on a very stable secured substratum in this country will really and irreversibly go in vain.

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(f) does not feel any hesitation to accept his own mistakes, and rectifies them, when pointed out,

(g) is not only a theoretician but also works with the patients to lead them towards ideal of cure,

(h) implements simple single minimum drug judiciously.

(i) has the *honest desire* to serve the ailing humanity.

(j) is not a money monger, but always ready to sacrifice for the real cause of Homoeopathy, and

(k) is always anxious to teach and educate his juniors without maintaining any professional secrets with them.
