

FUTURE OF HOMOEOPATHY

Thought provoking, interesting and inspirational convocation speech by Dr Mansoor Ali, Asst. Professor Govt. Homoeopathic Medical College Calicut.

You lived here together, shared many dreams... And today, we are drained by the pangs of separation. Here begins the incessant agony of a farewell, of many farewells to come.

Every adieu must be tear-laden. None of us wish to leave behind the flamboyance of the campus, the romance of youth, the serenity of the shadowed corridors of the campus and the dins and fun of hostel life. Such a fleeting time in the midst of grievances and exasperations has engraved bittersweet memories, fortunate moments, joys and the pains of departure in our hearts forever.

We teachers don't believe that we have given you all. There may be downsides, but always remember: Success is the result of 90% perspiration and 10% inspiration. And we believe that we have been able to endow that 10% inspiration to you.

Let's remember one thing here – that India is the largest empire of Homoeopathy. 3 lakhs registered practitioners, 180 undergraduate colleges, 32 post-graduate colleges, 7500 dispensaries, 700 medicine factories, over 400 hospitals are all our assets. Degree and postgraduation education in Homoeopathy based on a standard syllabus is provided only in India.

Homoeopathy was established in Kerala in the year 1928. The first Govt. Dispensary was started in 1958 and in 1960, the first Homoeopathic medical college was instituted. Now we have 5 colleges, more than 500 Govt. Dispensaries, 31 hospitals, 12 ESI hospitals, 2 research centers, a public sector medicine factory with a huge income, many private medicine factories and many graduate and post-graduate qualified doctors.

But, in a survey done by NGO some time ago, it was revealed that only 10% of Keralites depend on Homoeopathy for their important treatments and medical care requirements. The population in Kerala is 3.28 crores. So, though Homoeopathy was established in Kerala in 1928, though Homoeopathic medicine was taught since 1960, if only 10% of the people still depend on Homoeopathy, we are definitely at fault to a great extent.

There's another side to this fact, which is very significant as far as you who graduate from this institution are concerned. Once, a footwear company sent two marketing executives to Africa to study the marketing possibilities. The

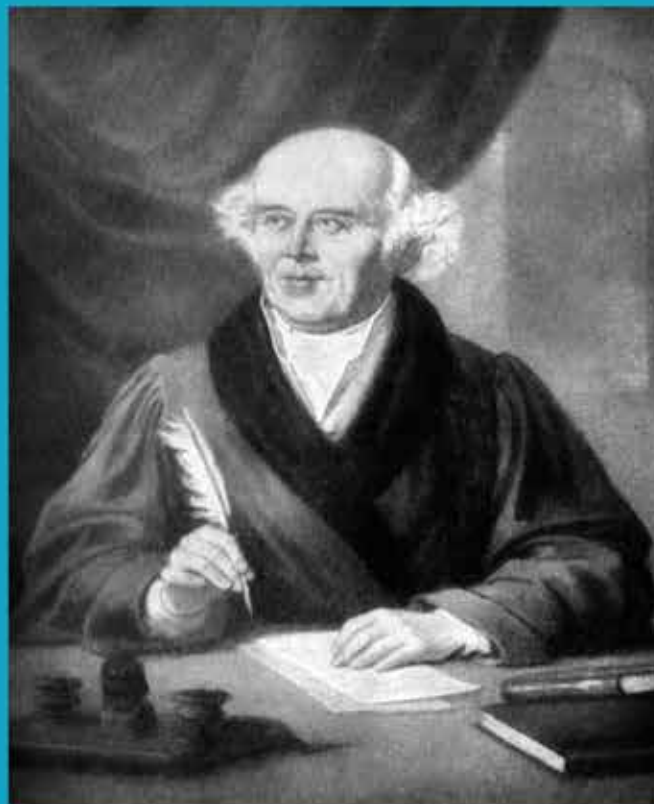
first executive reported: No one wears footwear here, so our product has no market in this place. The second man reported: No one wears footwear here, so we have got a big chance at marketing here.

This is just the opportunity you have. 90% of Kerala's population is right before you. Endless opportunities of private practice is open before your eyes. It has to be used fruitfully. If you can create good awareness about Homoeopathy among people, if you have much expertise in Homoeopathic medical science, the opportunities are boundless and great future awaits you.

Homoeopathy As a Career

It is a myth in Indian education corridors, that homeopathy does not fetch one with a good career. The fact is that there are immense job opportunities in this field both in India and abroad. A trained homoeopathic practitioner can get employment as Medical Officer/Doctor at various and Private Homoeopathic Hospitals.

Apart from this, professionals can also start their own practice or set up shops of homoeopathy medicines. Homoeopathic doctors can work in different industries engaged in homoeopathic preparations. These doctors can make a good career as a Professor in homoeopathic colleges or undertake research work. After some years of experience, a BHMS degree holder can also open up his own pharmacy.



Founder of Homoeopathy : Samuel Hahnemann