

EDITORIAL

Last year witnessed an oscillating effect in the homoeopathic fraternity in India. In the month of December, India became the centre of attraction by hosting 66th World LMHI Congress at New Delhi, showcasing the potentials of Homoeopathy in India. Soon after the Congress, the entire homoeopathic fraternity was deeply saddened by the demise of the most respectable & beloved, Dr. Diwan Harish Chand. As the year 2012 started & we were still recuperating the big loss, homoeopathic fraternity had to bear yet another irrevocable blow, in the form of demise of Dr. Jugal Kishore. He dedicated more than 50 years of his life to Homoeopathy as a hard working homoeopath. He was amongst the most eminent personalities from the fraternity who brought recognition to Homoeopathy in the country & contributed immensely in the development of homoeopathic system. Dr. Jugal Kishore was also honored with Padma Shri, the day he left for his heavenly abode. Condolence meetings were held in the Council on the day of their demise. As it is rightly said, '*The Show Must Go On*'; in the very spirit, we present some very interesting research papers in this combined edition of the journal.

Dear readers, due to some technical difficulties in processing the manuscripts, we are compelled to bring out this combined issue of Vol. 6 No. 1 & 2 for the year, 2012. Not compromising on the quality of articles, the issue is delayed, which is regretted.

Clinical Verification is an ongoing research programme of the Council, under which many Indian & rarely used drugs in Homoeopathy have been clinically verified. Another addition in the series has been *Staphylococcinum*, a nosode prepared from the bacterial endotoxins of staphylococcus pyogenes aureus. The study, which confirms the therapeutic scope of the drug, is placed in this issue.

The homoeopathic pathogenetic trial of *Plumbum metallicum*, a reprint article, has been included in this issue. It is the first double-blind, placebo-controlled trial to apply the 3-arm design to conduct proving. In this paper, special emphasis is given to new symptoms and unusual or repeated dreams. Another important reprint article on *Flu Pandemics: homeopathic prophylaxis and definition of the epidemic genius* has been included in this issue. Prejudice or ignorance are not valid reasons to rule out homoeopathic prophylaxis as an adjuvant tool in the fight against resurgent epidemics but conversely, rejection implies in dismissing logic, evidence and scientific neutrality itself.

To establish the efficacy of homoeopathic system in the medical world, an evidence based case record study on *Sub Acute Measles Encephalitis in an Immunocompetent child* has been incorporated in the present issue. Council has collaborated with various institutes of excellence to utilize the potentials of the best of the brains so as to contribute to the fundamental and basic research in Homoeopathy. One such collaboration has been with the Osmania University, Hyderabad to carry out an experimental study on *Indigofera tinctoria* to evaluate its analgesic and behavioural effect on activities in animals. Under Extra Mural Research scheme, a study on the *Role of Homoeopathic Medicines in treating Uterine Fibroids* has been published in this issue. This study has shown positive results in terms of resolution of fibroids with homoeopathic treatment.

Clinical Research has been the forte of activities of the Council. Many Clinical Research studies have been initiated for which protocols have been formulated on modern scientific parameters in consultation with experts of allied disciplines and Homoeopathy. One such observational study on *Role of Homeopathic Therapy in the Management of Diabetic Foot Ulcer* has been included in this issue.

Under the Book Review section, we present the book review on '*Menopausal Syndrome*'.

To conclude, I express my sincere thanks to all the readers for contributing to the success of IJRH in the past year & wish the same in the New Year as well.



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