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## An Appeal to Hon'ble Prime Minister Sh Narendra Modi from the Homeopathic Doctors of India

### Dear Prime Minister,

We wish to place on record our deep appreciation of the various steps your Government has taken to check the Corona Pandemic in the last few months which has enabled the nation to be in a better position than even many developed countries.

However, with deep anguish we also would like to draw your attention to the apparent discrimination towards the Homeopathic system of medicine, which has created a huge mess and confusion in the medical fraternity. Being Homoeopathic Doctors serving the suffering humanity since last several decades, we have never ever felt the disparity between Homoeopathy and other AYUSH systems of Medicine this much as we are feeling it in the todays' times. It is extremely disappointing and saddening that when all systems of Medicine should have been together fighting for the welfare of mankind against COVID-19, there is a tremendous lacuna when it comes to ground reality.

It all started with an announcement by the Ministry of AYUSH in late January 2020 that a Homoeopathic medicine named Arsenic Album 30 can be taken by the people of India as a preventive medicine for the deadly Coronavirus infection. Till that time there were hardly any cases of this



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disease in India and the media hype of the disease effect in various countries was already creating terror and havoc in the minds of the common man. The result was that within a few weeks only, Arsenic album 30 became in demand rampantly in the Homoeopathic stores and people were randomly just taking the medicine without consulting a Homoeopathic physician and for days together. This became a subject of ridicule in the medical fraternity and gave furthermore boost to the haters of the noble system of medicine. The result was, that Homoeopathy started losing its credibility in the eyes of the masses. Nowhere, was it been supported by the AYUSH Ministry and on top of that surfaced a news that Prince Charles had been cured of COVID-19 by a Homoeopathic Doctor in India.

The next day AYUSH Ministry says, no he was cured by Ayurveda at the same centre. In 2-3 day's time a statement from the representatives of the Prince of Wales himself, rubbished all these claims and said that Prince Charles had actually followed the protocol designed by the WHO for him and that he was neither cured by Homoeopathy or Ayurveda. India and AYUSH Ministry became a laughing stock again but it was only Homoeopathy who bore the brunt of it. In an act of face saving, the AYUSH Minister said that Arsenic Album 30 is not a prophylactic but an "Immune-Booster". So basically, the term immune-booster was used for the Homoeopathic medicine and see the scenario today, where the AYUSH Ministry has been advertising Ayurvedic kadas all over National television, there is not even a single mention of Homoeopathy, not even as Immune-Booster!! Why this discrepancy at the central level where many state governments like Gujarat, Punjab, Kerala, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Sikkim are actually advocating the use of Homoeopathy as a preventive and Immunity boosting method of medicine for their respective citizens.



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Your good self very rightly introduced the LOCKDOWN at the very right time to avoid the rate of spread of the deadly infection in India. It was a very welcome and positive step and like other citizens of the country, we were hopeful that our country is potent and ready to handle the menace of the pandemic. But alas, the actions did not meet the demand of the situation! Not enough protective gear for the 'COVID warriors' and opening up of liquor and paan shops for example proved to be disastrous. Also, on the 28<sup>th</sup> March when your good self had held a video conference with representatives of the AYUSH system of medicine Unbelievably Not even a single word was allowed to be spoken by the Homoeopathic representatives in that special VC with AYUSH stakeholders and a huge chance was snatched from the hands of Homoeopathy to show its worth in such crisis situations. On 10<sup>th</sup> of April, which is celebrated as the World Homoeopathy Day, on the very same day as the Founder's Day, the Pathy which deserves the respect of one and all was left without any announcement for Homoeopathy addressed by the AYUSH Minister and Secy. AYUSH in the Webinar as the celebration of World Homoeopathy Day which was scheduled in Kolkata got cancelled due to the Lockdown where in a country which is a world leader and is considered as Hub of Homoeopathy. Just for everyone's information, Homoeopathy has been instrumental in earlier epidemics also like Spanish Flu, Japanese Encephalitis etc. The beginning few days of the lockdown was a great time to manage the strategical fight against COVID-19 at the level of medical systems. A step-by-step response to the pandemic won't have let the situation go out of hands as it is feared today. There should have been designated teams of all systems of medicine working at primordial, primary, secondary and tertiary levels to ensure the health of the society. The general society who were living under the lockdown in their homes could have been provided with



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basic immunity boosting guidelines by the AYUSH Ministry which must include Homoeopathic medicines as well which can very well enhance the immunity.

People who were being quarantined could have been given primary prevention by providing Ayurvedic/ Homoeopathic medicines adjuvant with Allopathic drugs and separately Ayurveda and Homoeopathy could have been given to positive but Asymptomatic patients. The infected ones should also be allowed to be administered Homoeopathic and Ayurvedic medicines as these medicines can not only prevent but also cure various infectious diseases. This would have provided a full proof data to the Health ministry as to which system is helpful at which level and how the people should avail the benefits without falling a prey to the dangerous virus.

Unfortunately, nowhere in the media has it been reported that a few Homoeopathic hospitals or centres have been permitted to treat COVID patients for Trial research by ICMR and the Ministry of AYUSH as specified by the Hon'ble Minister of Health and Family welfare. It's indeed surprising that the concerned Homoeopathic doctor had to apprise the fraternity through Social media like Facebook and Whatsapp etc or get news covered by the Channels and advertise for the same by paying from his own pocket. This not only reduces the credibility of that particular doctor as nobody believes whether the doctor is saying the truth or just publicizing himself but also it demoralizes the entire Homoeopathic fraternity as a whole!! Does any Ayurvedic centre or any Allopathic hospital feel the need to do so ?? Even in the latest launch of AYUSH SANJIVANI Mobile APP does not have any mention of Homoeopathy advisory. It is still not too late to put things in order and a nation as large as ours, has to have a well thought out health plan and strategy to tackle the current scenario. If the will is the



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betterment of the health of the nation, then no way such a divide among the medical systems be allowed to breathe in the society.

We are confident that your good self would look into this shortcoming in our health delivery and communication system and rectify the same. The Homeopathic community is ready to work shoulder to shoulder with the Government in this critical battle against Corona and is determined to come victorious under your dynamic leadership.

Warm Regards.

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