

Press release

It is first time in the history of Homoeopathy in India that a state of art virology laboratory has been inaugurated by Shri Shripad Yesso Naik, the union Minister of State (Independent charge), Ministry of AYUSH, Govt. of India, at Dr. Anjali Chatterjee Regional Research Institute in Homoeopathy, Kolkata, on 12.9.2017, in the presence of eminent scientists viz. Padmashree Dr. V. K. Gupta, Chairman Scientific Advisory Committee, CCRH, New Delhi; Padmashree (Prof.) Ajoy Roy, Director, Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology (IIEHT), Howrah; Dr. Rathin Chakravarty, Member, Scientific Advisory Committee, CCRH, New Delhi; Dr. Raj K. Manchanda, Director General, CCRH, New Delhi and many other scientists and dignitaries.

In his inaugural speech the Hon'ble Minister appreciated the popularity of Homoeopathy in West Bengal. He stated that this laboratory has been established keeping in view of some important objectives –

- a) To conduct research on prevalent viral diseases such as Influenza, Japanese encephalitis, Dengue, Chickungunya and Swine flu.
- b) To develop new drugs and technologies in Homoeopathy to combat emerging challenges of viral diseases.

In this context the Hon'ble Minister expressed his satisfaction of recognising this laboratory by the Calcutta University to undertake research work of the PhD students in Homoeopathy. On this occasion he also mentioned about the National Institute of Homoeopathy (NIH), which is imparting higher education and training in Homoeopathy, also under the Ministry of AYUSH, and urges that both the Institute could forge an active collaboration on practical training to the students/ scholars in virus research, both in laboratory and in the field research, jointly.

He also expressed his happiness to learn about the Council's initiatives of establishing a Centre of Excellence in Fundamental Research in Homoeopathy at IIEHT, Howrah, to undertake fundamental research studies in Homoeopathy with an interdisciplinary approach, with the involvement of faculties of various departments. The major thrust areas of the laboratory will be :

- To investigate and standardise on the nature of homoeopathic substance in terms of its composition, molecular structure and physical characterization.
- To draw evidence of biological activity of homoeopathic preparations through experimental models with high degree of reproducibility
- To undertake high end research for understanding the pathway target and action sites of homoeopathic medicines.
- To possibly explore on information template in homoeopathic substance particularly in high dilutions as proposed hypothetical model.

The Hon'ble Minister also apprised that this Institute is treating about 400 patients / day through their OPD services and also providing AYUSH Out Reach services in villages. He also informed that apart from these, this Institute has undertaken several clinical research studies and to name a few of them are – Autism, Psoriasis, Vitiligo, Breast cancer, Hypertension, Migraine and Proving of new drugs in Homeopathy with their clinical validations.

The Director General CCRH, while welcoming the dignitaries expressed his satisfaction and gratitude to the Hon'ble Minister for gracing this occasion by his kind presence, in spite of his busy schedule in Delhi. He applauded the Hon'ble Minister for sanctioning the required fund open handed to develop the infrastructure of this laboratory whenever it was

required, even when there was constraints of fund in other Ministries. He informed that the Hon'ble Minister always encouraged him to come forward with new proposals for the betterment of Homoeopathic system of Medicine and never deprived him to give his full support in the advancement of various research projects, to encourage collaborative approaches with the Institutes of excellence with good proposals, inviting scientists from abroad for exchange of knowledge and in signing many MOUs with other countries for the betterment of the system. He expressed emotionally that without his active support from behind the curtain, it was never possible to build up this state of art Institute in Virology research at Kolkata. He also extended his thanks from the core of his heart to all the dignitaries for gracing this occasion by their kind presence. He thanked the galaxy of scientists present over here for their support, co-operation, and constant encouragement by moving with hand to hand, for the better prospect of homoeopathy.

Padmashree Dr. V.K.Gupta, Chairman, Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) of CCRH expressed that practicing homoeopathy with only clinical acumen is not a satisfactory reply to the criticisers of Homoeopathy and to combat with such criticisms we need to reply in language of modern science. The Director IIEHT, Padmashree Prof. Ajoy Roy stressed upon to hold an integrated approach in pursuing research in the field of Homoeopathy highlighting a joint venture effort while Dr. Rathin Chakravarty, member SAC, of CCRH, applauded the Hon'ble Minister and the Govt. for their generous patronisation for building up this project.



Hon'ble Minister addressing the gathering in the inauguration programme



Hon'ble Minister paying floral tribute to Dr. Samuel Hahnemann



Hon'ble Minister overlooking the Virology Lab; others seen are Dr. Satadal Das, Dr. D.B. Sarkar and Dr. Umita Chakraborty



Hon'ble Minister just before opening the lab by cutting red tape
From left- Dr. V.K.Gupta, Hon'ble Minister, DG CCRH and Dr. Rathin Chakraborty



Hon'ble Minister unveiling the foundation stone of Virology Laboratory at Anjali Chaterjee Regional Research Institute (H), Kolkata. On his right are Dr. Raj K. Manchanda and Dr. Rathin Chakraborty

Reference documents

1. Speech of Hon'ble Minister
2. Invitation Card

**Speech of the Minister for the inaugural function of Dr. Anjali
Chatterji Regional Research Institute for Homoeopathy, Kolkata on
12.9.2017**

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It gives me great pleasure and honour to be here amongst the galaxy of scientists at the inaugural function of the Virology laboratory in Dr. Anjali Chatterji Regional Research Institute of Homoeopathy, Kolkata. I take this opportunity to acknowledge the presence of eminent scientists Padmashree Prof Ajoy Roy, Padmashree Dr. V.K.Gupta, Dr. Rathin Chokraborty, Dr. R.K. Manchanda, eminent scientists and other dignitaries.

We all know that Homoeopathy developed its deep roots in Kolkata long back in the year 1810 when a German geologist practiced homoeopathy in Kolkata. Also John Martin Honingberger, a royal physician of Punjab moved here in 1855 to practice homoeopathy. In Bengal, Mahendra Lal Sircar, head of the Allopathic Society, adopted homoeopathy. Beside this Bengal has produced several stalwarts in Homoeopathy such as Dr. Bhola Nath Chokraborty, Dr B.K. Bose to name a few,

I am very happy today to inaugurate this Virology Laboratory. This could have not been possible without the pursuance of Dr. Rathin Chakraborty and trustee of Dr. Anjali Chatterjee Cancer Research Trust for donating this building to council in 2010. In turn, Council has fulfilled its promise and have further incurred an expenditure of around Rs.50 million on the further erection of two floors, face lifting and development of the building to the present state. Now, the constructed area of the Institute is 17,222 Sq. ft.. Further, about Rs.30 million has been allocated for the purchase of essential instruments for the establishment of Virology Laboratory. This main objective of this laboratory includes a) To conduct research on

prevalent viral diseases such as Influenza, Japanese encephalitis, Dengue, Chikungunya, Swine flu b) to develop new drug(s) and technologies in Homoeopathy to combat the emerging challenge of viral disease. It is matter of satisfaction that Calcutta University has agreed to recognise this Laboratory for research work by the PhD scholars. Hence this will also provide opportunity to PhD students to undertake projects in Homoeopathy.

In Kolkata, we have prestigious National Institute of Homoeopathy (NIH) under the Ministry of AYUSH, imparting higher education and training in Homoeopathy. The two Institutes could forge an active collaboration for hands-on practical training to the Students/ Scholars in Virology research, both in lab research as well as field research can be carried out jointly.

Various institutions in Kolkata have been undertaking basic research in homoeopathy in collaboration with the council. Some of the completed projects includes the project on Japanese encephalitis at School of Tropical Medicine wherein it has been found that Belladonna is effective in preventing Japanese encephalitis; In a study at Bose institute, it has been found that certain homoeopathic drugs were found to be effective in killing Cancer cells. Now after the completion of this laboratory, the Institute will be able to undertake further high quality multidisciplinary research and develop linkages with other institutes.

I am happy to learn about the Council's initiatives of establishing a center of excellence in Fundamental research in Homoeopathy at prestigious Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology (IEST), Howrah which has got a status of IIT, with an initial budget of Rs.10.00 crores. The preliminary works for refurbishment of rooms are in progress. This laboratory will be undertaking the fundamental research studies in homoeopathy with an interdisciplinary approach with involvement of

faculties of various departments of the IEST. The major objective of the laboratory will be :

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I have learnt that this institute is treating about 400 patients daily through the OPD services and is also providing out reach services in five villages. This institute has completed several clinical research projects, these includes research studies on Breast cancer and tumors, Autism, Psoriasis, Vitiligo, Hypertension, Urolithiasis, Migraine, and Proving of new drugs in homoeopathy with their Clinical validations.

Today we aspire that this Institute benefits vast majority of people with modern facilities and care. The institute would also provide a platform for scientists to work on the development of homoeopathy on modern scientific parameters and clinicians to cater to the health needs of the people of this city, state and the country. The Ministry of AYUSH expects this centre to do excellent work in the field of Virology and Cancer research and come up as a Centre of Excellence in near future.

I hope that this institute becomes a pinnacle of service to the humanity. At the end I convey by best wishes to the scientific community and hope the services being providing here shall be optimally utilized.

Thank you, Jai Hind


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Inauguration of
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by
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Minister of State (IC), Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India

In the presence of

Padmashree Dr. V. K. Gupta Chairman, SAC, CCRH	Padmashree Prof. Ajoy Ray Director, IEST, Howrah
Dr. Rathin Chakravarty Project Officer & Member SAC, CCRH	Dr. Raj K. Manchanda Director General, CCRH, New Delhi

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