**ADDRESS BY THE HON'BLE PRESIDENT OF INDIA**
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**AT THE NATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONVENTION**
**ON HOMOEOPATHY**

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I am happy to be here among you all at the inauguration of the 'National Scientific Convention on Homoeopathy'. I appreciate the National Commission for Homoeopathy, Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy, the entire team of this College and the delegates for coming together to deliberate on various issues related to homoeopathy including education, research and standardisation.

An institution is remembered not merely for its infrastructure or years of existence, but for the professionals it produces, the knowledge it contributes and the service it renders to society. Established in 1969 as a Diploma College, Dr. Abhin Chandra Homoeopathic Medical College and Hospital has made significant contributions to homoeopathic education and healthcare. Its recognition as a 'Model College' and a 'College of Excellence' reflects the dedication of generations of teachers, doctors, administrators and students. This National Convention is a milestone in its journey which brings all stakeholders working in the field of homoeopathy at one platform.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Homoeopathy has established a presence in several countries across the world. India, in particular, has made significant progress in developing a comprehensive infrastructure for its education, research and clinical practice. The country has built a strong institutional framework to support the growth and development of this system of medicine.

Homoeopathy represents an important part of India's diverse healthcare landscape. Its approach places emphasis on individualised care and the overall well-being of patients. Over the years, it has developed a wide

institutional presence in India and has become accessible to people through educational institutions, healthcare facilities and public health networks.

Recognising the importance of traditional systems of medicine, including Homoeopathy, the Government of India accorded the Department of AYUSH the status of a separate Ministry in November 2014. This institutional recognition reflects the importance attached to the development, promotion and systematic advancement of AYUSH systems of medicine.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Every system of medicine must remain committed to the highest standards of scientific inquiry, evidence-based evaluation and patient safety. The development of homoeopathy should be accompanied by an unwavering commitment to scientific inquiry, academic excellence and professional accountability. This branch of medicine should continuously examine its foundations, evaluate its practices and strengthen its knowledge through appropriate scientific methods.

Research should be guided by sound methodology, adequately designed clinical studies, systematic documentation and transparent reporting. We must encourage multicentric studies, systematic reviews, evidence synthesis, pharmacological and fundamental research, wherever appropriate, and the development of reliable clinical databases. Equally important is the intellectual honesty to acknowledge research limitations, report unfavourable findings and allow scientific evidence to guide conclusions.

The future credibility and academic standing of homoeopathy will depend significantly on the scientific integrity of its research and the quality of clinical evidence it generates. I urge research institutions, medical colleges, universities and professional organisations to collaborate in developing a strong research culture. This Convention provides an excellent platform for meaningful academic engagement, institutional partnerships and a shared vision for the future. I encourage

all participants, particularly young researchers and professionals, to make full use of this opportunity.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We are living in an era of unprecedented scientific and technological transformation. Artificial intelligence, digital health technologies, advanced diagnostic systems, genomics, big-data analytics and precision medicine are changing healthcare and medical education. Our homoeopathic institutions must prepare themselves to engage meaningfully with these developments. Modern clinical infrastructure, digital health records, research laboratories, interdisciplinary collaboration and contemporary teaching methods are essential for institutional advancement.

There is considerable scope for collaboration across medical disciplines in areas such as public health, preventive healthcare, health education, clinical documentation and research, while respecting the scientific foundations and limitations of each discipline. At the same time, we must remember that technology may transform healthcare, but compassion must remain its foundation. Every medical decision must uphold the dignity, safety and welfare of the patient. The ultimate purpose of healthcare is to alleviate suffering and improve the quality of human life.

Dear students,

Young practitioners of this branch of medicine represent the future of homoeopathy and its institutions. You are not merely inheritors of an institutional legacy. You are the architects of its future. The medical profession demands much more than academic qualifications. It requires intellectual discipline, scientific temper, moral integrity, empathy and a commitment to lifelong learning. I would like to urge you to follow three guiding principles:

- Cultivate the habit of questioning and never stop learning.
- Have the courage to investigate, the patience to seek evidence and the humility to accept new knowledge.

- Never forget that behind every patient is a human being with hopes, fears and dignity.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As India advances towards the national vision of Viksit Bharat 2047, healthcare and education will remain two of its most important pillars. Our institutions, researchers, teachers and healthcare professionals must contribute towards building an accessible, equitable, scientifically responsible and responsive healthcare system.

I am confident that this National Convention will encourage scientific dialogue, promote institutional partnerships and inspire a new generation of competent, ethical and socially responsible healthcare professionals. May the deliberations lead to new ideas, meaningful research initiatives and a renewed commitment to academic and professional excellence.

At the end, I wish that this college will continue to illuminate the path of education, contribute to the advancement of healthcare and remain devoted to the service of humanity.

Thank you,
Jai Hind!
Jai Bharat!