

**DAY 2 SESSION – V**  
**11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon**

**HALL 1 (SEATING CAPACITY 51)**

**Theme: Strengthening Pharmacovigilance in Homoeopathy: Ensuring Patient Safety and Public Health Impact**

**Session Brief:**

Pharmacovigilance is a critical component of any healthcare system, ensuring the safe, effective, and rational use of medicines. In the context of Homoeopathy which is widely practiced and increasingly integrated into public health systems, the need to strengthen pharmacovigilance assumes particular importance. This session seeks to emphasize the systematic monitoring, reporting, and evaluation of adverse events associated with homoeopathic medicines, thereby enhancing patient safety and fostering public trust.

The session will examine existing frameworks, key challenges, and emerging opportunities in homoeopathic pharmacovigilance. Issues such as underreporting, limited awareness among practitioners, and gaps in standardized reporting mechanisms will be discussed. Special emphasis will be placed on capacity building, stakeholder sensitization, and the integration of pharmacovigilance practices into routine clinical care and research activities. Discussions will also highlight the pivotal role of institutions, regulatory authorities, and healthcare professionals in developing a responsive and robust pharmacovigilance ecosystem. Strengthening collaboration and encouraging proactive reporting practices will be central to these deliberations.

By promoting a culture of vigilance, transparency, and accountability, this session aims to enhance the safety profile of homoeopathic medicines and reinforce their credibility within the broader healthcare landscape. The session is expected to generate actionable insights and strategic directions for advancing pharmacovigilance practices in the homoeopathy sector.

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**Panelist**

**Dr. Anil Khurana, Former Chairperson, NCH and Former Director General, CCRH**

Dr. Anil Khurana is a distinguished homoeopathic physician, researcher, and administrator who has made significant contributions to the development of homoeopathy in India. He has served as Director General of the Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH), where he played a key role in strengthening scientific research and evidence-based practice in homoeopathy. With more than three decades of experience in CCRH, he contributed extensively to fundamental research, clinical research, drug standardization, clinical verification, and drug proving. Dr. Khurana has also been associated with regulatory and policy initiatives in homoeopathy, serving as Chairman of the National Commission for Homoeopathy and Chairman of the Board of Governors of the former Central Council of Homoeopathy, where he worked towards reforms in homoeopathic education and practice standards in India. An accomplished academic, he has completed a Post-Doctoral Fellowship in HIV/AIDS from the University of California, Los Angeles and a WHO fellowship on HIV/AIDS and home care, along with formal training in

bioethics. Dr. Khurana has authored more than 80 research publications and presented numerous papers at national and international forums, promoting scientific research and global collaboration in homoeopathy.

**Dr. Jai Prakash, Senior Principal Scientific Officer at Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission, Ghaziabad**

Dr. Jai Prakash is currently serving as a Senior Principal Scientific Officer and Officer-in-Charge of the Pharmacovigilance Programme of India (PvPI) at the Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Ghaziabad. With approximately 25 years of experience, he has contributed extensively to teaching, research, pharmacopoeial and formulary science, and pharmacovigilance. He has guided numerous postgraduate students, reflecting his strong academic involvement.

Dr. Prakash has received several prestigious awards, including a Certificate of Merit in M. Pharm, the Servier Young Investigators' Award presented at the International Congress on Frontiers in Pharmacology and Therapeutics (1999), and the Ms Geeta Mittal Medal at AIIMS, New Delhi, for excellence in oncology research.

He is a life member of the Indian Pharmacological Society and holds key roles in regulatory and expert committees, including NPPA, DTAB Sub-Committee, and CDSCO. His scholarly contributions include over 40 research papers and 16 book chapters.

**Dr Anoop Kumar, Assistant Professor Department of Pharmacology, DIPSAR DPSRU Govt of NCT of Delhi.**

Dr. Anoop Kumar is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Pharmacology at Delhi Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (DIPSAR), under Delhi Pharmaceutical Sciences & Research University (DPSRU), Govt. of NCT of Delhi. He has been recognized among the top 2% of scientists globally (Stanford list). Previously, he served at NIPER Raebareli and ISF College of Pharmacy, Moga, Punjab and worked as a Research Scientist at Sun Pharma and THSTI, Faridabad. He is a recipient of prestigious fellowships including GATE, UGC-BSR, and DST INSPIRE. Dr. Kumar has published over 120 research/review articles, 30 book chapters, and 5 books, and serves on editorial boards of international journals. He has held key administrative roles, including Member Secretary of IAEC and currently of a CDSCO-approved Human Ethics Committee, and Treasurer of ISPOR India Chapter. His research focuses on drug repurposing, meta-analysis, network pharmacology, pharmacoeconomics, pharmacovigilance signal analysis, and animal experimental studies.

**Dr. Ashutosh Bhardwaj, Registrar, State Council of Homoeopathic System of Medicine, Himachal Pradesh**

Dr. Ashutosh Bhardwaj is a senior Homoeopathic physician, public health administrator, and regulatory expert with 28 years of experience in the Department of AYUSH, Government of Himachal Pradesh. He currently serves as Senior Homoeopathic Medical Officer, Drug Inspector (Homoeo), and Registrar of the State Council for Homoeopathic System of Medicine, overseeing practitioner registration, ethics, institutional governance, and drug regulation. A graduate of Nehru Homoeopathic Medical College, Delhi, he also holds a PG Diploma in Medical Law and Ethics from the National Law School University of India, Bengaluru. He has contributed significantly to strengthening regulatory systems, implementing the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission, and ensuring drug quality compliance. Dr. Bhardwaj is associated with CCRH's Regional Research

Institute, Shimla, serving on key scientific and ethics committees. He has also contributed to national policy, education, and regulatory frameworks, including the 2022 Homoeopathy regulations, advancing integration of Homoeopathy in public healthcare.

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