

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

HALL 4 (SEATING CAPACITY 171)

Theme: Homoeopathy within the Global Traditional Medicine Strategy: Opportunities & Challenges

In India, Homoeopathy under the aegis of the Ministry of Ayush has a longstanding expertise and an established institutional framework. Owing to these strengths, India occupies a very strategic position to potentially lead global discussions on implementing the Traditional Medicine strategy in Homoeopathy.

The Traditional Medicine Strategy 2025-2034 articulates guiding principles and four objectives: strengthen evidence, ensure safety and regulation, integrate TCIM into health systems, and optimise its cross-sectoral value. The proposed session aims to highlight opportunities to advance Homoeopathy within the framework of the Global Traditional Medicine Strategy, while critically examining key challenges in evidence generation, regulation, integration, and innovation.

The invited experts will share their respective perspectives on the coordinated actions required from the Member States, stakeholders, Ministry and the WHO to achieve the strategy's vision and goal with respect to Homoeopathy. The session will further facilitate deliberations on developing a strategic roadmap to strengthen the evidence base in Homoeopathy and explore the application of digital technologies and health innovations to enhance research capacity, service delivery, and health outcomes.

Convenor: Dr. Deepti Singh, Research Officer (H)/Scientist-II Co-Convenor: Dr Shashi Giri, RO(H)/S-I

Panelists

1. Ms. Monalisa Dash Joint Secretary- International Cooperation, Ministry of Ayush, Government of India

Ms. Monalisa Dash is an Indian Forest Service (IFoS) officer from the Sikkim cadre, heads the International Cooperation (IC) division of Ministry of Ayush, Government of India as Joint Secretary, facilitating health partnerships with countries like the United States and Germany and represents India at major forums, such as the WHO Global Summit on Traditional Medicine. She has built a two-decade career that bridges environmental conservation with high-level administrative leadership. Her work focuses on building an evidence-based future for traditional medicine through scientific innovation, global policy alignment, and the digital transformation of ancient knowledge. Ms. Dash has held several high-impact positions across the Government of India. She previously served as Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MoDNER) and as a Director in the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA). In July 2025, she achieved a historic milestone by being elected as the Secretary General of the first-ever all-women National Executive Body of the IFS Association.

2. Dr. Pradeep Kumar Dua, Technical Officer, TSI Unit, WHO Headquarters

Technical Officer, in the Traditional, Complementary, and Integrative Medicine unit at the World Health Organization (WHO). He is the Designated Technical Officer for the Non-State Actors in

official relations with the TCI unit in the WHO. Prior to this, he worked as a Joint Director in the Bureau of Indian Standards, New Delhi. Dr. Dua has represented the Government of India in several bilateral and multilateral meetings in Thailand, Russia, Switzerland, Singapore, Uzbekistan, Nepal, Sweden, South Korea, etc. and several other international forums including BIMSTEC and BRICS. Dr. Pradeep Dua has contributed a chapter in an ICMR book on Bioethics and has numerous publications in peer reviewed indexed Journals to his credit.

3. Dr. Raj K. Manchanda, Chairperson, Homoeopathic Sectional Committee, Bureau Of Indian Standards

Chairperson, Homoeopathic Sectional Committee, Bureau of Indian Standards and Secretary for Information & Communication, Liga Medicorum Homoeopathica Internationalis, Germany (A not for profit organization in existence since 1925). Distinguished experience of more than 40 years, as clinician, researcher, teacher, policy matters and in public health administration. Former Director General, CCRH and Former Director, Department of Ayush, Delhi Government. Dr Manchanda has participated actively in Interdisciplinary discussion on policy matters related to WHO TM Strategy at various national and international platforms.

4. Dr. Pawan Kumar, Technical Officer, WHO-SEARO

Technical Officer for Traditional Medicine, Department of UHC/Health systems and life course, regional office for South- East Asia (SEARO) WORLD Health Organisation with more than 24 years of research experience. He Completed WHO Diploma course in STD/ AIDS at Bangrak Hospital, Bangkok, Thailand. He was the chairman, advisory committee for policy against COVID-19 at NIA. As an expert member from Govt of India he gave multiple delegations to South Africa. He has presented numerous papers at national and international conferences and has many publications in reputed journals. Recipient of various awards like MADAVA RATNA Award, International Academy of Ayurveda, Physicians in 2012, “PURUSHOTTAM SHASTRI NANAL–CHARAKA” Award, Khadivale Vaidya Research foundation, Pune in 2013, BHISHAK BHUSHAN Award, Ayurveda parva, Ayurveda Mahasammelan, Nagpur and AYUSH AWARD of CCRAS in 2017.

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