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'HOMOEOPATHY IS A SCIENCE'

Mumbai homeopath Dr. Rajesh Shah, who has treated patients in 104 countries across the world online, insists homeopathy is the most effective form of treatment, which can even treat diseases that have been labelled as incurable.

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A newspaper in New York published an article some time ago on an obstinate skin disease called Lichen Planus, stating the disease is incurable. However, a homeopathic wizard, Dr. Rajesh Shah, managed to treat three patients suffering from the disease successfully, that too with online consultancy!

Dr. Shah has also been recently credited with an entry in the *Limca Book of Records* (2003) for being the only doctor who has been treating patients in 104 countries. In fact, Dr. Shah has broken his own record three times in the past.

Patients come to him through his writings, his teaching visits to about 15 countries and the internet, where he has launched over 25 websites on homeopathy. "The interesting point is that most of my foreign patients had never heard of homeopathy before they decided to opt for this alternative mode of medicine. Here, my responsibility increases several fold — I have to

make sure that they really benefit through the homeopathic science," says Dr. Shah, who has been involved in promoting homeopathy globally.

Dr. Shah's passion in homeopathy is evident as he is truly dedicated to different aspects of the science. What upsets him is that till date not many have recognised the infallible role that homeopathy plays in the treatment of a wide range of diseases, which are often labelled as incurable or hard to treat. "You may take my word," says Dr. Shah authoritatively, "that homeopathy can effectively treat allergies, asthma in children, migraine, skin diseases, ulcerative colitis, sinusitis, rheumatoid arthritis, lichen planus, and many more."

It is common knowledge that most people adopt homeopathy as they know it is safe and free from side-effects. However, Dr. Shah has strong ideas on this point! He adds, "I do not want people to go for homeopathy because it is safe. I insist that one should adopt homeopathy because it

is amazingly effective."

From his personal experience, Dr. Shah adds, "Homeopathy cannot cure everything. There are so many diseases which are better treated with allopathy, for instance, severe forms of infections, cardiac emergency, renal failure, conditions like hernia, tumours, cancerous growth, hydrocele, etc. Homeopathy is not a panacea. Homeopathy is a science with its own limitations." The pioneer in putting up the first medical website in the country, it is no surprise that Dr. Shah has about fifteen disease-based websites. The result of a study and vital information about the disease is put on the site, named after the particular disease. "The whole purpose of setting up websites devoted to particular diseases is to let the world know what homeopathy has to offer for a particular disease."

Interestingly, some of the disease-based websites, www.urticaria.com, www.lichenplanus.com have been visited by over a half-a-million people each. Through a Homeopathy Information Cell, Dr. Rajesh Shah has been answering personal questions for the last five years. Over 50,000 people from over 150 countries, where homeopathy is non-existent or little known, have found answers from Dr. Shah about the role of homeopathy in the treatment of their disease.

How does Dr. Shah deal with patients in cyberspace? Patients fill up a detailed questionnaire with all possible information, which helps him determine the problem. And in most cases the medicine is couriered to the patient in any part of the world. There are still a fair number of patients who fly down every week to personally meet him. ●