

8TH NATIONAL BIOETHICS CONFERENCE

Crisis within a Crisis

Scientific, Ethical & Humanitarian
Challenges of COVID-19

Saturday

November 28, 2020

2:30 pm to 6:30 pm [IST]



DAY 1: ACCESS, RIGHTS & JUSTICE IN A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

INAUGURAL PLENARY | 2:30 PM TO 4:30 PM

Inaugural Address



Ten months of the pandemic: The scientific and humanitarian challenges

Dr Gagandeep Kang

Professor, The Wellcome Trust Research Laboratory,
Division of Gastrointestinal Sciences, Christian Medical College, Vellore

Keynote Addresses



The moral crisis of public health

Dr Sundar Sarukkai

Founder, Barefoot Philosophers,
Bangalore

Human rights and social justice in a pandemic

Mihir Desai

Senior Counsel and Human Rights Lawyer, Mumbai



Chaired by



Dr Sunita Sheel Bandewar
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PANEL DISCUSSION | 4:30 PM TO 6:30 PM

Access to care in COVID: Shifting the rules of the game



Dr Vipul Aggarwal
Dy CEO,
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Dr Bhavin Jankharia
Radiologist, Past President,
Indian Radiology & Imaging
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Do citizens have a right to affordable care in a public health crisis?

What are the mechanisms to ensure access?

Does the state have a right to safeguard access by curbing costs?

Are price caps sustainable for the healthcare industry?

Is there common ground between citizens, the state & the healthcare industry?



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