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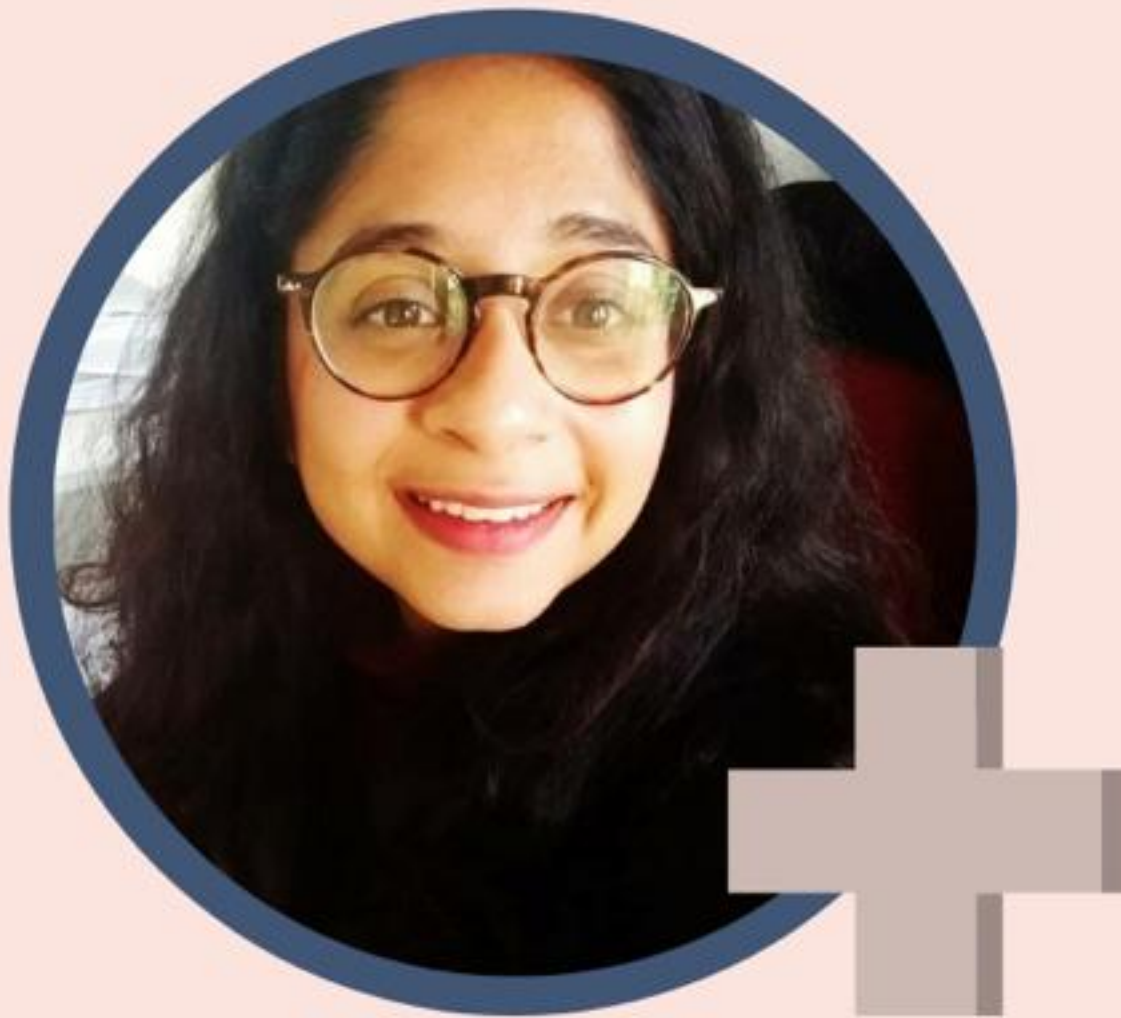
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Shefali Malhotra is a research consultant with C-HELP. She focuses on the politics and governance of health technologies in India. Previously, she worked on issues surrounding health financing and health policy regulation in India. She completed her post-graduation in political science at the Leiden University, Netherlands, and undergraduate studies in law from Symbiosis Law School, Pune. Her primary research interest is in the area of the political economy of healthcare in emerging economies.



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Sunita Sheel has training in Anthropology (PhD, University of Pune) and Bioethics (MHSc, University of Toronto). She leads HEaL Institute, a platform of the Forum for Medical Ethics Society. She serves on the Managing Committee of FMES and holds the office of General Secretary. She serves on its core editorial group as a working editor and on the International Ethics Review Board, Médecins Sans Frontières, Geneva. She is one of the founding trustees of Vidhayak Trust, Pune. She has served as faculty for the training institute in ethical issues in public health emergencies by WHO, Geneva and teaches bioethics at Masters and certificate programs. She was awarded an International Fellowship by the International Fogarty Centre, NIH, USA, to pursue a MHSc (Bioethics) at the Joint Centre for Bioethics, University of Toronto, in 2003-04.



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