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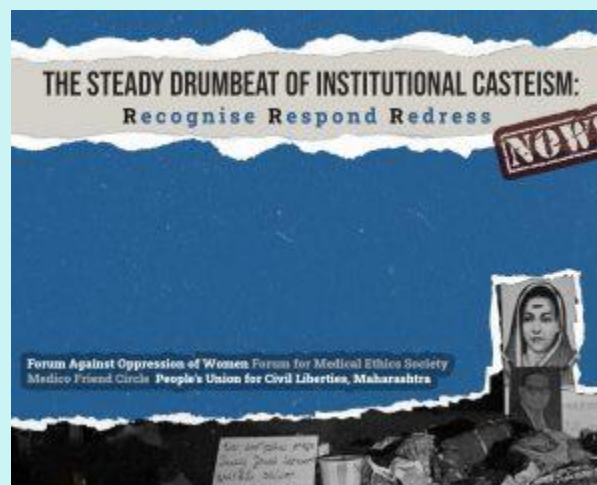
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Warm greetings!

We are pleased to bring you this fortnightly digest from the Health, Ethics and Law Institute (HEaL Institute) and the Indian Journal of Medical Ethics (IJME)

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### Newsletter Spotlight



The death by suicide of Dr. Payal Tadvi, a second-year postgraduate in Gynaecology and Obstetrics and a resident doctor at the BYL Nair Hospital, on May 22, 2019, accentuated the issue of discrimination and harassment of those from the marginalised communities in the Medical Education Institutions.

The Forum for Medical Ethics Society (FMES) along with the Forum Against Oppression Against Women, Medico Friend Circle, and Peoples' Union of Civil Liberties, Maharashtra have brought out a detailed enquiry report titled '[THE STEADY DRUMBEAT OF INSTITUTIONAL CASTEISM: Recognise Respond Redress, Now](#)' on this issue, which was released virtually on September 28, 2021. The video recording of the report release meeting is available on [YouTube](#) and this is the link to the [press-coverage of this report](#)

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## HEaL Institute – IJME Blog

Blog 29 | HEaL Institute & IJME – Covid-19 Insights | Oct. 12, 2021 | [Letter to the National Health Authority \(NHA\) on the issues with the new CoWIN Application Programming Interface \(API\) “KYC-VS: Know Your Customer’s/Client’s Vaccination Status”](#) | IFF, Ch-HELP and FMES-HEaL Institute

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## IJME Theme Issue Vol. VI, No. 4, October-December 2021

### Citizenship, Governance, and Accountability in Health

Amidst increasing suppression of free speech and public protest, is fruitful public resistance possible? Our Theme articles in this issue bring out the concrete experiences of communities and advocacy groups from the global South, of asserting their rights to life and health. Their insights emerged during the Community of Practitioners for Accountability and Social Action in Health (COPASAH) Global Symposium in late 2019. The central focus was the authorities’ responsibility to deliver and be held accountable, and how best to achieve that. The Theme section includes an overview of the symposium’s deliberations and themes; while other articles share lessons gained in the field of community action; in facing challenges from an increasingly dominant private healthcare sector; in policies concerning sexual and reproductive rights; and focusing attention on the psychosocial health of individuals of all genders.

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### Online First from IJME

September 18, 2021 | [Harmonising terminology with MedDRA for plain language summaries](#) | Gaurav Anand, Mohit Joshi

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