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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).

Newsletter Spotlight 1

In solidarity with Bilkis Bano

Resources related to Bilkis Bano case have been shared in this section

Statements from various groups and organisations:

- [Karnataka women's networks](#)
- [All India Democratic Women's Association](#)
- [Saheli Women's Resource Centre](#)
- [Stree Mukti Andolan Sampark Samiti \[in Marathi\]](#)

Sessions/Webinars:

- National Alliance of People's Movements (NAPM): [Session on In Solidarity with Brave Bilkis Bano: Saluting Two Decades of Struggle](#)

Publications — Essays:

- [Bilkis Bano and the fault in our criminal justice system](#) | Manish Tewari | The Asian Age | August 28, 2022
- [The never-ending ordeal of Bilkis Bano: A national shame](#) | Shalini Sahay | National Herald
- [Those who committed crime against humanity have no case for remission](#) | Indira Jaising | The leaflet | August 22, 2022
- [Portrait of a modern Indian Muslim woman: Bilkis Bano and the criminal justice system](#) | Almas Shaikh | The Leaflet | August 22, 2022
- [Gujarat government's decision to remit sentences of convicts in Bilkis Bano case flies in the face of legal precedents](#) | Paras Nath Singh | The Leaflet | August 19, 2022
- [The trials of Indian Muslim women: A never-ending quest for justice](#) | Arshad Azmi | The Leaflet | August 19, 2022
- [Remission without reform: On the release of 11 convicts in Bilkis Bano case](#) | The Hindu | August 17, 2022

Publications — Poems:

- [What is that stench that is choking us?](#) | Parinitha Shetty | The Leaflet | August 24, 2022

[Bilkis Bano Solidarity Poem](#)

नये राष्ट्र की है तैयारी?

हो तुम मुस्लिम औरत तो फिर एप वेप पर बेचेंगे
जैसे ही तुम बोलोगी हम मिलकर ज़बाने खींचेंगे
फिर जान की धमकी, मौत की धमकी, डीएम में भी भेजेंगे
हक अपना तुम मांगोगी, हुई जुरत कैसे तुम्हारी?
नए राष्ट्र की है तैयारी

नीव रखी सीने पर मेरे, लाशों से फर्श को पाटा है
हर जानिब है घोर हिंसा और मुह पे विकास का ढाटा है
लुट गए सारे हक के इदारे कचहरी में सन्नटा है
न्यायालों के फैसले अब तो न्याय पे पड गये भारी

नए राष्ट्र की है तैयारी

हमको मारने वाला अब तो है क्रांतिकारी
रेप करे जो हम लोगों का वो तो है संस्कारी
कह सकते हो कैसे क्रिमिनल वो है अन्यायकारी
निकलें जैसे जेल के बाहर करियो खातिर दारी
भायी नए राष्ट्र की है तैयारी

वो चौराहे जिनपर कभी धरने होते रहते थे
नारी बचाओ, बेटी बचाओ, के नारे गूँजा करते थे
देश की बेटी कैसे बचेगी, उसपर चर्चा करते थे
वो चौराहे, वो रास्ते, वो गालियां होगई खाली

भायी नए राष्ट्र की है तैयारी
नए राष्ट्र की है तैयारी

आप दौड़ें धूपें रिट लिखें या लिखें याचिकाएं
ब्यू प्रोसेस पर करे यकीन या जस्टिस में फेत दिखाएं
कुछ नहीं होने वाला उससे, आएंगी हाथ हवायें
संविधान को भूलों भैया, नया निज़ाम हुआ जारी
नए राष्ट्र की है तैयारी

तुम जब हमको धमकी दोगे, मौत के घाट उतारोगे
अपने पड़ोसी मुस्लिम पर जब जुल्म नए करवाओगे
हमको देश द्रोही कहोगे, कातिल को हीरो बनाओगे
तब मिलेंगे इनाम तुम्हें, जब करोगे इस्मतदारी
नए राष्ट्र की है तैयारी

Poem and picture credit: Twitter handle @wherearewomen1

Related resources

IJME articles on gender-based violence:

- [Five years post Nirbhaya: Critical insights into the status of response to sexual assault](#) | Sunita VS Bandewar, Amita Pitre, Lakshmi Lingam
- [Need for gender sensitive health system responses to violence against women and](#)

- [children](#) | Adsa Fatima, Aarthi Chandrasekhar, Amita Pitre
- [Public narrative on “instant justice”: A slippery slope](#) | Sunita VS Bandewar

Online First from IJME

Kumbhar, K. (2022). [The “Dravidian model”: egalitarianism and healthcare reform.](#) *Indian Journal of Medical Ethics*, August 18, 2022

Singh, S., Chakraborti, K., Shaikh, A. (2022). [Intersex/Differences of sex development: Human rights at the intersection of cure and care.](#) *Indian Journal of Medical Ethics*, August 25, 2022

Srivatsan, R. (2022). [Quarantine travelogue.](#) *Indian Journal of Medical Ethics*, August 20, 2022

Srinivasan, S. (2022). [Tuberculosis: Finally, out of the shadows.](#) *Indian Journal of Medical Ethics*, August 26, 2022

Announcement from the local and global peer community

Forthcoming conferences and webinar

[The Targeting of Scientists and Public Health Professionals](#) | National Academies | September 1, 2022 | 11.30 AM PDT



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10th September, 2022

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Submissions to be done in JPEG, BMP, PNG or PDF format
Images should be in high resolution for printing

["Creating hope through action" — e-poster competition on the occasion of World Suicide Prevention Day, 2022](#) | NIMHANS | Last date: September 10, 2022

[ACT-A Vaccine Pillar Civil Society Dialogue — Interactive civil society dialogue on COVID-19 vaccines](#) | COVAX CSO representatives, Gavi, CEPI and WHO | September 14, 2022 | 1-3 PM, CET | (Meeting ID: 946 4137 1634, Passcode: WHO2022\$)



2nd NATIONAL LEVEL ART WORKSHOP CUM ART EXHIBITION (CANVAS PAINTING) for Persons with Disabilities

(Persons with Mental Illness, Intellectual Disability,
Autism Spectrum Disorder, Neurological Disorders and
Multiple Disabilities)

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 10th October, 2022
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14th October, 2022
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Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services and Department of Mental Health Education)
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Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt of India.

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[2nd National level Art Workshop cum Art Exhibition \(Canvas Painting\) for Persons with Disabilities](#) | NIMHANS | October 10 – 14, 2022 | 10 – 4 AM (IST)

[Science, Technology and Human Rights Conference 2022](#) | AAAS | October 17-19, 2022 |

Hybrid

[Enabling Health Research in Every Healthcare Setting](#) | The Global Health Network Conference 2022 | University of Cape Town, South Africa | November 24 – 25, 2022

- [The scientific programme](#)
- [Speakers](#)



SAVE THE DATE:

The 2023 APBEN Congress will be held **1-3 June, 2023** in Manila, Philippines.

Hosted by St Luke's Medical College.

THEME: *Advancing healthcare quality and safety through improved ethics and professionalism capacities*

[Advancing healthcare quality and safety through improved ethics and professionalism capacities](#) | APBEN 2023 Congress

Publications (academic and popular press) on bioethics, human rights, law and allied themes



ECSTASY OF IDEAS THE TIMES OF INDIA WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2022

Dolo, Docs & Pharma

Only a statutory medical ethics code can free prescriptions from the influence of freebies

Sanjay Nagral

It is one of healthcare's open secrets. Scandals involving freebies to doctors by pharma companies make news with predictable periodicity. The relationship between the medical profession and pharmaceutical industry has provoked intense scrutiny and attempted regulation across the globe. India is no exception.

In 2018 when speaking in London about the high cost of drugs, PM Modi brow beat the lev of doctors after alluding to pharma-sponsored trips by doctors to foreign countries as an obstacle to them prescribing cheaper generic medicines. Civil society activists in India have for long fought a battle to bring this area under a legal framework and accountability.

But dealing with two very influential entities of society is challenging.

partners are enthusiastic parties in this tango. It is in their mutual interest.

- For pharma it is a way to push new products including irrational combinations.
- For the medical profession it is a bonanza of individual gifts and trips and for medical associations to earn money through conferences.

The pharma-doctor relationship is thus fertile territory for perverse incentivisation. Though many doctors believe they can stay neutral after accepting freebies, evidence clearly points otherwise. Pharma knows this. Appealing to the good sense of both parties through the lens of moral ethics has largely failed.

Commissions, incentivisation and induced demand have been mainstream as the means justify the ends. One of the biggest sources of income for hospitals is the profit margin on drugs. Remember Covid prescriptions and trials?

Pandemic-inspired opportunity for reform

[Dolo, docs & pharma: Only a statutory medical ethics code can free prescriptions from the influence of freebies](#) | Sanjay Nagral | The Times of India | August 23, 2022

[Modification of LGBTQIA+ competencies by NMC in Forensic Medicine & Psychiatry CBME](#) | National Medical Commission (Undergraduate Medical Education Board) | August 18, 2022

[Racism and Health Equity](#) | Keisha Ray | The Hastings Center | August 10, 2022

[The Limiting Factor of “The Endless Frontier” Is Still a Human One](#) | Shirley M. Malcom | August 10, 2022



Illustration: Maxwell Erwin (Image courtesy: The CUT)

[Would You Work in an Amazon Warehouse Just to Get Pregnant? Women are pulling graveyard shifts in backbreaking jobs to pay for IVF](#) | Angelina Chapin | THE CUT | August 5, 2022



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[Changing Understandings of Academic Freedom in the World at a Time of Pandemic](#) | Milica Popovic, Liviu Matei and Daniele Joly | The Global Observatory on Academic Freedom | 2022

[‘We are bearing witness’: Health researchers navigate a post-Roe world](#) | Amy Maxmen | Nature | July 21, 2022

[Big Health Data Research and Group Harm: The Scope of IRB Review](#) | Megan Doerr, Sara Meeder | Ethics & Human Research | July 8, 2022

“ When there is a health worker who is wounded or arrested, clinical services will be disrupted, as well as the continuity of care ”

Figure 7. Services affected

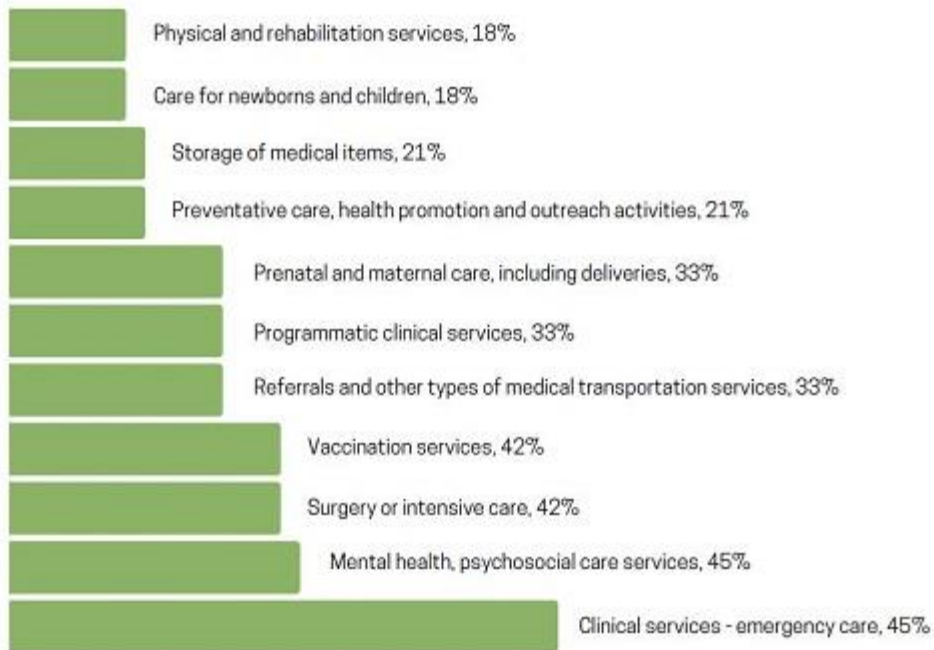


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[Violence Against Healthcare: Current practices to prevent reduce or mitigate violence against health care](#) | The International Council of Nurses, the International Committee of the Red Cross, the International Hospital Federation, and the World Medical Association | July 2022

[Global Public Health Equity Guiding Principles for Communication](#) | Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Podcasts

[Ethics are not enough, medical sector also needs regulation](#) | Sanjay Nagral | The Wire Talks

[Coffee Chats with Researchers series](#) | Violence Against Women Research Consortium

Call for inputs/proposals

[Draft guidance on Mental Health, Human Rights, and Legislation published jointly by WHO and OHCHR](#) | UN Human Rights | Last date: August 31, 2022

[Strengthening political leadership of women aspirants in Ethiopia](#) | UN Women |

September 14, 2022

[UN Seeking Input on Human Rights in Universal Health Coverage](#) | UN Human Rights | September 15, 2022

[Gender-Based Violence Research Initiative](#) | Government of Canada | October 06, 2022

[Call for papers | Conferences and journals](#)

[Law and Singlehood in India](#): Original papers which are broadly in the areas of: a) single individuals' experiences of legality, b) the laws' framing of singlehood, and c) how law and policy might be re-imagined beyond marriage and coupledness.

Important deadlines:

Abstract submission (500 words) along with bio-note (200 words): 5th September, 2022

Selected contributors will be informed by: 26th September, 2022

Full papers (3000-4000 words) due by: 28th October, 2022

[Trauma, Violence, & Reproductive Rights](#): Journal of Trauma & Dissociation is particularly interested in articles grounded in principles of reproductive justice that consider the outer layers of the social ecology. Potential topics could include but are not limited to: impacts of institutional (e.g., college/university) or government policies at the intersection of intimate violence and reproductive rights; applications of institutional betrayal and courage to understanding reproductive coercion, autonomy, and/or justice; theoretical perspectives on reproductive coercion; intersections of racism, homophobia, transphobia, and reproductive autonomy; impacts of trauma, violence, and reproductive rights for health and economic equity.

Submission deadline: November 15, 2022

[Fellowship opportunities | Call for applicants](#)

**REVAMP FELLOWSHIP:
CALL FOR APPLICANTS**

Creating spaces for young people to discuss
and reflect on intersectional masculinities

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[Rethinking Violence and Masculinities Perspectives \(REVAMP\) Fellowship](#) | YP Foundation

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Organizations working in Delhi, Bhopal, Indore, Varanasi, Lucknow, Jaipur, with young people in the age group of 18-24 years.

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[Latika Roy Foundation-Adhyan Fellowship in Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics](#) | Latika Roy Foundation-Adhyan Foundation

[Global LGBTI Small Grants Program](#) | Williams Institute

Vacancies

[Consultancy – Gender Based Violence Area of Responsibility External Review](#) | Remote-based assignment, supporting the Humanitarian Office in Geneva

[GBViE Programme Specialist](#) | Cox's Bazar — Bangladesh

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