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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 1

**ESIC-FMES — WISSENDURST**

*History of Medicine — Oration by Prof Mario Vaz*

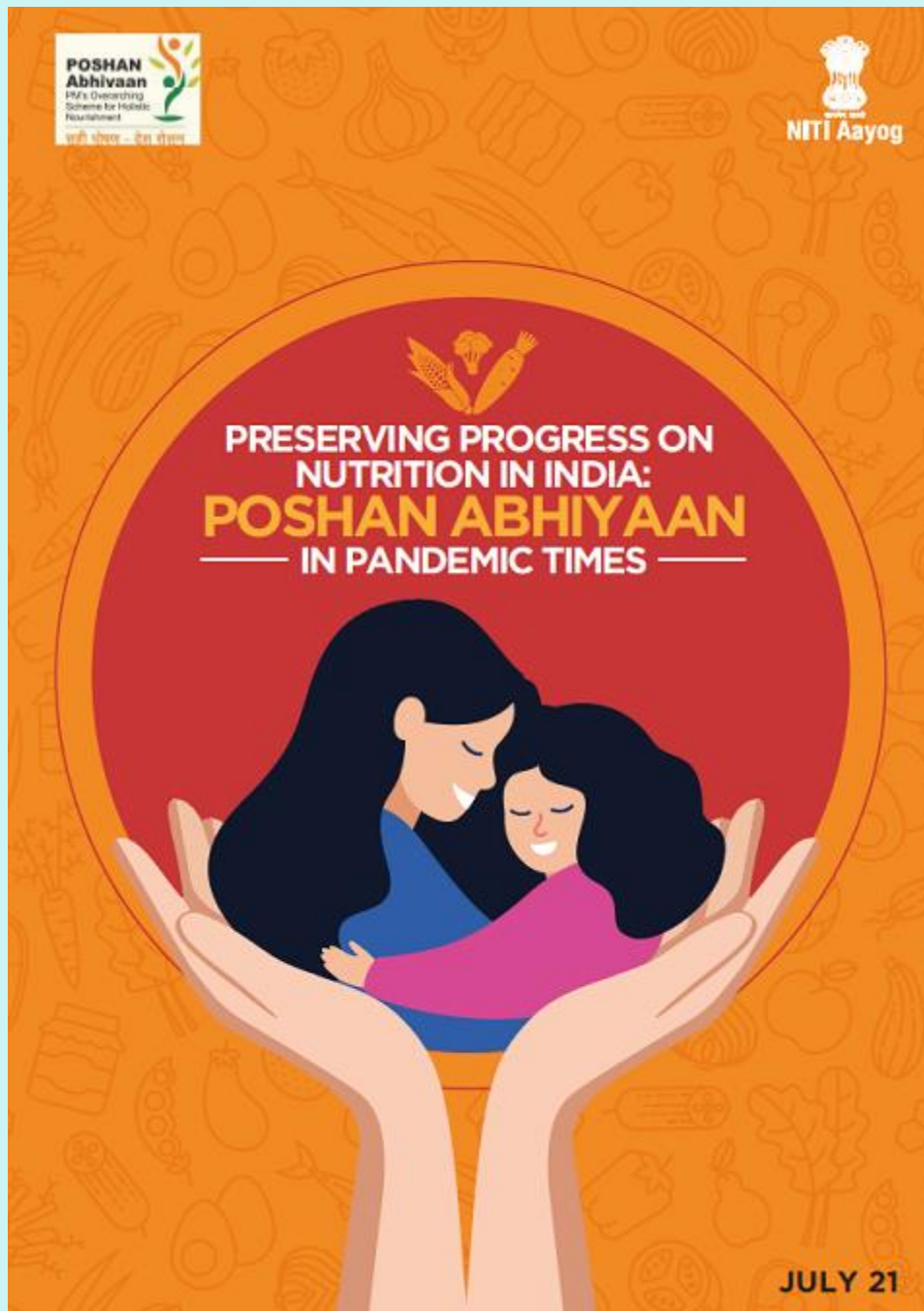


[Prof Mario Vaz](#), Professor of Physiology at the International Medical School, Ramaiah Bangalore campus and one of the Editorial Board members of IJME, gave an enthralling lecture on [“History of Medicine”](#), during **WISSENDURST 22**, an Intercollege Students’ Academic Conference, which was conducted by ESIC Medical College, Chennai and PGIMSR, in collaboration with FMES, HEaL, and IJME. Prof Vaz explained various lessons the history of medicine could teach such as humility, hubris, curiosity, learning from the past, etc.

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## Newsletter Spotlight 2

**Nutrition — the basis for human health and survival**



Picture credit: Cover image of the NITI Aayog report on POSHAN Abhiyaan

The POSHAN (Prime Minister's Overarching Scheme for Holistic Nourishment) Abhiyaan, was launched by the Government of India in 2018, to draw national attention to and take action against malnutrition, in a mission-mode. It is aimed at improving nutritional outcomes for children, pregnant women and lactating mothers, and adolescents. The fourth progress report on POSHAN Abhiyaan (1) assesses the progress of POSHAN Abhiyaan implementation (2) analyses the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on nutrition and health services; and (3) provides insights on service delivery

restorations and adaptations and other related needs across India [Cited from the report].

Many who are working on the ground may find it useful to take a critical look at the report.

[Maharashtra, Andhra, Gujarat top states in implementing Poshan Abhiyaan scheme: Niti report](#) | The New Indian Express | September 2, 2022

[Preserving progress on Nutrition in India: POSHAN Abhiyaan in pandemic times](#) | NITI Aayog | July 2021

[Bringing nutrition centre-stage to help improve health conditions in India](#) | Ranjan Sankar | Business Standard | June 22, 2022

[The RATIONS \(Reducing Activation of Tuberculosis by Improvement of Nutritional Status\) study](#) | Bhargava et al

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### Newsletter Spotlight 3

**Prof S. Parasuraman, former Director of TISS, passed away at the age of 70**



Photo Credit: Vivek Bendre

Prof S. Parasuraman, former Director of the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, passed away on September 2, 2022, at the age of 70 years.

**We, at FMES-IJME, convey our heartfelt condolences to Prof Parasuraman's family and friends. As the director of Asia's oldest academic institute for social work education, his**

support to FMES-IJME was of great significance.

His students and former colleagues mourned his demise and offered condolences.

[Dr. Shamim Modi](#), one of his former colleagues and the Treasurer (member of the Managing Committee) of the FMES, remembers Prof Parasuraman fondly:

*“I have never known any other person who so completely and wholeheartedly supported people, organisations and institutions in their endeavour to make transformative changes in the lives of disadvantaged people and communities. Professor Parasuraman’s empathy and passion were apparent when he was with the people. His belief in equality, dignity and justice is evident from his behaviour and actions. He believed in people’s ability to make meaningful changes in the lives of the people on the margins and expressed his unquestionable support by taking a stand for them. Professor Parasuraman has been my mentor and a friend all along my journey from M.Phil student in 1987 to my stint at Oxfam and plunges into activism in the tribal areas of Madhya Pradesh to socio-political activism. I have been fortunate to have completed my Doctoral work under his guidance. Any struggle to seek justice for the marginalised communities invariably puts people against the might of the State. It is important to take risks but equally important is to have significant people support you in this struggle. Professor Parasuraman was that pillar who stood by the decisions that many activists took to seek justice. His impeccable empathy and compassion for the people and their situations combined with his exceptional approach to teaching and learning made education meaningful and relevant toward re-imagining the future.”*

During his tenure as the Director, he scaled up the research and education opportunities by expanding the TISS campus to Guwahati and Hyderabad. [Vandana Gopikumar, Lakshmi Lingam, Asha Banu Soletti, Joske Bunders, Tarique Mohammed, Olive Fernandes and Kishore Kumar](#), colleagues of Prof Parasuraman, wrote in The Hindu that Prof Parasuraman narrated “...his everyday 5 km trek to his school and related struggles that he went through to pursue an education.”

[R. K Radhakrishnan](#), in an obituary in Frontline, mentioned what Prof Parasuraman stated about theory and practice, “...while theory informed practice, he [Prof Parasuraman] insisted that practice was needed for theory to exist in social sciences.”

His values will keep inspiring many in future as they did until now.

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## Online First from IJME

Bawaskar, H. (2022). [Imparting knowledge is no more considered a paramount contribution](#) *Indian Journal of Medical Ethics*, September 6, 2022

Kendal, E., Bhatt, R. (2022). [Financial toxicity and dialysis: Autonomy and truth-telling in resource-limited settings](#). *Indian Journal of Medical Ethics*, September 3, 2022

Zamanzadeh, V., Babaei, N., Valizadeh, L., Avazeh, M. (2022). [Human dignity of patients in nursing: A concept analysis](#). *Indian Journal of Medical Ethics*, September 2, 2022

## Announcement from the local and global peer community

### Forthcoming conferences and webinar

[YTH Live Global 2022](#) | Global Virtual Conference | ETR | October 12-13, 2022

Colloquium Series on Equity and Social Determinants of Health

Ramalingaswami Centre on Equity and Social Determinants of Health

PUBLIC HEALTH FOUNDATION of INDIA

**Speaker**  
**Prof. Gita Sen**  
Distinguished Professor and Senior Advisor, RCESDH  
Public Health Foundation of India

**Inauguration by**  
**Prof. Srinath Reddy**  
President  
Public Health Foundation of India

**Inequality as a Social Determinant of Health**

**28th September 2022**  
**4:00 to 5:30 PM (IST)**

**Link : <https://bit.ly/3cYmMI4>**

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[Inequality as a social determinant of health – Colloquium Series on Equity and Social Determinants of Health](#) | Prof Gita Sen | Ramalingaswami Centre on Equity and Social Determinants of Health, and Public Health Foundation of India | September 28, 2022 | 4 to 5.30 PM (IST)

[Beyond Safe: Providing Quality Abortion Care](#) | Royal College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists | September 27, 2022 | 18.30 GMT

[Integrating Social Determinants and Structural Influence Measures in Biomedical Research](#) |

National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIH) | September 26, 2022 | 10:30 am to 5pm ET



## Voices from the Pandemic: COVID-19 experiences in Asia

Thursday 22nd September 2022  
13:00 – 14:30 GMT+1 (19:00 ICT, 14:00 SAST)

**REGISTER NOW**



[Voices from the Pandemic: COVID-19 experiences in South and Southeast Asia](#) | MESH and Connect | September 22, 2022 | 1 – 2.30 PM (London)

Join us for an open-to-all Live Webinar on  
Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2022 at 7:30 PM IST (2:00 PM GMT)



### "What Editors Expect from Peer Reviewers: Building Trust in Research"

Keynote speaker  
**Dr. Sanjay A Pai**  
Editor,  
Different MEDLINE-indexed journals



Moderator  
**Dr. Natasha Das**  
Cofounder and Director,  
Hazlo



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Passcode: 796418

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[What Editors expect from peer reviewers: Building trust in research](#) | Sanjay A Pai | Hazlo | September 19, 2022 | 7.30 PM IST

[History of Medicine – Lecture Series \(Virtual\)](#) | Seth GS Medical College and KEM Hospital | Saturdays, September 17 and 24, October 8, 22, and 29, November 5, 12 and 19 | 6 PM IST

[Social Reproduction and Financial Extractivism \(Third Annual Lecture in the Laws of Social Reproduction\)](#) | September 16, 2022 | 7.30 PM (IST)

HOSTED BY JOHNS HOPKINS BLOOMBERG SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

JOIN OUR WEBINAR

Measuring effective coverage and quality of care to improve the health of women, children, and adolescents in low-and-middle income countries

Thursday, September 15th

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM EDT

[Measuring effective coverage and quality of care to improve the health of women, children, and adolescents in low-and-middle income countries](#) | Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health | September 15, 2022 | 8.30 to 10 AM EDT

[Decolonising Global Health: Programme Launch](#) | The United Nations University — International Institute for Global Health | September 13, 2022 | 4 PM (Kuala Lumpur)

Oxford Global Health & Bioethics International Conference | **Save date:** Monday 26 & Tuesday 27 June 2023 at Keble College, Oxford

### Concluded conferences and webinar

[Next Steps for the Global Anti-Torture Movement: Istanbul Protocol 2022](#) | Physicians for Human Rights | September 8, 2022

[Reclaiming Trans Rights in India: Unsettling Patriarchy?](#) | Countering Backlash Programme, The



Centre for Health and Social Justice, and Kolkata Rista | September 6, 2022

[Recent Changes in Medical Publishing Effects of Covid-19](#) | Sanjay A Pai | Center for Publication Ethics and Center for Complementary and Integrative Health | August 30, 2022

[Commercialisation and privatization of healthcare: Key challenges for Right to health defenders](#) | People's Health Movement | August 30, 2022

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

[India at 100 should be a society where gender is not used as a tool to exclude](#) | Aqsa Shaikh | The Indian Express | September 14, 2022

[Global guidance framework for the responsible use of the life sciences: mitigating biorisks and governing dual-use research](#) | Geneva: World Health Organization | September 13, 2022

[How I did it: Reporting on apparent misconduct in influential Alzheimer's research](#) | Charles Piller | Association of Health Care Journalists | September 13, 2022

[Stop denying political prisoners the right to healthcare: PUDR](#) | Gursimran Kaur Bakshi | The Leaflet | September 13, 2022

[Protect the vulnerable from monkeypox](#) | Boghuma Titanji | Science | September 8, 2022

[Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals: The Gender Snapshot 2022](#) | UN WOMEN, WOMEN COUNT | September 7, 2022

[Maharashtra, Andhra, Gujarat top states in implementing Poshan Abhiyaan scheme: Niti report](#) | The Indian Express | September 2, 2022

[Surrogacy Biomarkets in India: Troubling Stories from before the 2021 Act](#) | Sheela Suryanarayanan | The India Forum | September 01, 2022

[Abortions in India: Myths, Facts and Reality](#) | | Shireen Jejeebhoy, Vinoj Manning | August 31, 2022

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[White House requires immediate public access to all U.S.-funded research papers by 2025](#) | Jeffrey Brainard, Jocelyn Kaiser | Science | August 26, 2022

[Nari Shakti and the Elusive Quest for Justice: The Story of Bilkis Bano](#) | Vinay Lal | The India Forum | August 22, 2022

[Mortality and Death Registration in India — The many holes in the data](#) | Murad Banaji, Aashish Gupta, Vipul Paikra | The India Forum | August 18, 2022

[BLOTS ON A FIELD? : A neuroscience image sleuth finds signs of fabrication in scores of Alzheimer's articles, threatening a reigning theory of the disease](#) | Charles Piller | Science | July 21, 2022

## Resources on

### *Public health concerns of coal mining*

Picture credit: Nilesh Kumar (Accessed from The India Forum on 12 September 22)

[\[In Hindi\] The compilation of news of the death of mining workers in the newspapers laid the foundation of a film](#) | Md. Asghar khan | Down to Earth | September 02, 2022

[Gasping for Air, Bathing in Coal — Informal Labour in India's Coalfields](#) | Suravee Nayak | The India Forum | August 18, 2022

[Human Face of Open-Cast Coal Mining in Jharkhand — A photo essay](#) | Nilesh Kumar | The India Forum | August 10, 2022

### *Unethical pharma practices — Controversy on Dolo*



Photo Credit: RAO GN

[Opinion : Why do unethical pharma practices thrive?](#) | The Hindu | T Srikrishna and S Srinivasan | August 30, 2022

[Ethics are not enough, medical sector also needs regulation](#) | Sanjay Nagral | The Wire Talks | August 30, 2022

## Podcasts

[Becoming Modern Healthcare and History in India](#) | Kiran Kumbhar | SunoIndia | August 30, 2022

## Opportunities in bioethics

### *Bioethics courses*

Admissions are open for the value added courses **Bioethics and Environmental Ethics (BEEE) and Clinical Ethics and Medical Humanities (CEMH)** at the **Centre for Ethics, Yenepoya (deemed to be University)** for the year 2022.

[Bioethics and Environmental Ethics \(BEEE\)](#)

[Clinical Ethics and Medical Humanities \(CEMH\)](#)

### *Call for abstract*

[Migration and Health — The Joep Lange Chair and Fellows Masterclass](#) | Amsterdam Institute for Global Health and Development & The Joep Lange Institute | Deadline: September 23, 2022

### *Vacancies*

[Global Engagement Director](#) | WomenLift Health

[Call for Consultant: GBV & MHPSS in Humanitarian Settings](#) | The Global Women's Institute, The George Washington University, | Closing date: September 16, 2022.

### *Grants and Funds*

[3-year grant to test innovations on how to prevent violence against women and girls](#) | What Works to Prevent Violence | Deadline: September 02, 2022 | 23.59 GMT

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## **Capacity strengthening in bioethics and its sub-fields: Enquires for short-duration intensive training program**

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monitoring and evaluations; and research ethics in research involving adolescents and children.

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