

Fortnightly Digest by



Digest 48



Warm greetings and a **Happy New Year** to all our readers from the Health, Ethics and Law Institute (HEaL Institute) and the *Indian Journal of Medical Ethics (IJME)*.

We are pleased to bring you the **first two fortnightly digest of the year 2023**.

Over the past year, the Digest has received tremendous support from our well-wishers, readers, peers and from the bioethics community in large. We try to update our readers and peers of all activities of FMES, HEaL and *IJME* that take place every fortnight along with information curated from peer spaces. These information are grouped in different sections such as forthcoming conferences, webinars and seminars; links to recordings of concluded events; publications on bioethics, human rights, law and allied themes from academic, popular press, reports and guidelines; vacancies available in the field; and calls for submissions and applications. The Digest has evolved every fortnight and has accommodated new sections so as to keep our readers up-to-date with the happenings in the space.

Relevant updates in bioethics, human rights, and law; feedback from our readers; and request to add emails of your peers and friends to our mailing list — can be mailed to us at fmes.digest@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support!

FMES Team

From IJME editor's desk!



[Dr Amar Jesani](#)

2022: The 30th Year of IJME and New Initiatives

The year 2022, was the 30th year of the *IJME* — a year of celebration as well as a year for a resolution to build discipline of bioethics and the movement for healthcare ethics and human rights. While we did have a celebratory meeting with the old and new members of the team and supporters of the journal, we also made preparations to start initiatives that would strengthen the journal, the discipline of bioethics and the movement.

Last year, three of the four issues of *IJME* were on specific themes, each opening up new areas for learning and advocacy. In the [first theme issue of 2022](#), we brought together six articles on the science and practice of AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy) systems of medicine. Subsequently, it triggered publication of more material on Ayurveda and heated but constructive debate on the science and ethics of Ayurveda. The [second theme issue of 2022](#) fulfilled a promise made by the journal in 2018 (when we retracted a paper) to further explore ethics of authorship. The issues of authorship anonymity, gift and ghost authorship, and attribution and credit bias in scientific literature raised in this theme will prompt debates in the field of publication ethics in the coming time. And the [third theme issue](#) takes forward the work we have done in the field of public health ethics by

bringing spotlight on the ethics in the Community Health Workers Programme. While we have published a lot on the ethics of various public health programmes (vaccination, disease control, etc), on the disease outbreaks/epidemics/pandemics (we had special section of Covid-19 in most of our issues during the pandemic years), public health laws and so on, there has been relatively less attention to the ethical challenges faced by the community health workers.

In 2022, we planned two new initiatives that are getting kicked started in January 2023, which you all are invited to join. The first initiative came from the young scholars and activists in bioethics and human rights to form a network and share regular cyberspace for discussion and capacity strengthening. A **South Asia Bioethics Community (SABC)** network is established by them and is hosted by the *IJME* and various institutions and organisations where they work. The [first meeting of this network](#) took place before this bulletin reached you, on January 19, 2023. **Those interested in the membership to SABC network, can fill the form available at <https://forms.gle/uBKWRAufrXRXP4M47>.** We request you to keep an eye on the announcement section on the *IJME* website to get updates on the next month's meeting of this network.

The second initiative came from the Working Editors of the *IJME*, who have established an **IJME Authors' Webinar Series**. The [first webinar of this series](#) is scheduled to take place on **January 28, 2023 from 5 to 6.30 pm IST**. Every quarter, after the publication of the *IJME* issue, a few authors of the papers published in the issue will be invited to virtually present their published paper and discuss the issues raised in the paper with expert discussants, in the presence of audience. The first webinar of the series on 28th January will be dealing with the ethics and equity issues in the access to the dialysis. **Please do not miss this event and register yourself at <https://rb.gy/he7ets>.**

Appeal to support the journal in the interest of equity in knowledge

For last three decades, the *IJME* has kept itself independent and resisted the temptation to hand over its publication in the eager hands of any of the corporate publishers. It has also remained open access for the readers, and unlike other open access journals, has also kept it free for the authors to publish in it. Only the print copy of the journal warrant [subscription](#). Thus, the *IJME* has endeavoured to pursue a different kind of business ethics — to ensure that there are no barriers for accessing knowledge as well as for publishing by the scholars and activists. We only appeal our authors and readers to make voluntary payment or **PayWhatYouWant** (PWYW). If you are an author and your research work is supported by some grant, we hope you will avail of the PWYW and make some payment for publication.

IJME has sustained for the last three decades only due to the love and support received from all of you — particularly, individuals, organisations and foundations from India — I say India because we are legally debarred from accepting donations and grants from foreign entities (individuals and organisations). Without continuation of this support from you, it will be impossible to carry on, since we do not accept any industry or pharma support as well. **It is our**

earnest appeal to prioritise *IJME* when you think of making some donation or give an advertisement. And please consider buying subscription to the journal for yourself, and/or gift it to your friends and colleagues. Also, please encourage others to do so by spreading the word in your network. By doing this you will be contributing to maintain the independence of the journal and enabling its access to everyone.

Foreign individuals can support *IJME* by subscribing to the journal issues.



Awards and Recognitions received in 2022

[Dr Amar Jesani: Honoured with the 2021 Award for Bioethics Service in the Face of Challenges by the International Association of Bioethics](#)



Award for Bioethics Service in the Face of Challenges



2021 winner: Dr. Amar Jesani

Keynote lecture by Dr. Jesani:
"Bioethics is not a luxury:
Activism for equity and against prejudice"

Award presentation: Vardit Ravitsky
President, International Association of Bioethics

Panel Discussion:



Farhat Moazam, MD, PhD
Professor and Founding Chairperson of the Centre of Biomedical Ethics and Culture of the Sindh Institute of Urology and Transplantation, Karachi, Pakistan



Lisa Schwartz, PhD
Arnold L Johnson Chair in Health Care Ethics
Professor, Department of Health Research Methods, Evidence & Impact, McMaster University, Canada



Julian Sheather, PhD, FRSA
Specialist Advisor (Ethics and human rights)
Professionalism and Guidance, British Medical Association, UK

Please join us online for the Award Ceremony
NEW DATE: March 1st, 2022
7-8:30pm India time

For more information: vardit.ravitsky@umontreal.ca

[The project titled 'Community Engagement in Implementation research Eco-research™' hosted at the HEaL Institute, FMES featured in the WHO-TDR quarterly newsletter](#)



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Engaging communities with research: an insight from India

15 December 2021 (News release) | Reading time: 3 min (1054 words)

TDR has a rich history of encouraging and supporting community participation. A recent study in India used approaches such as witness seminars to help identify key aspects of community engagement. The study's findings will add to the growing body of knowledge in this area.

"The importance of engaging communities in research can be easily seen when engagement is lacking" says Michael Mihai, who heads the Programme Innovation and Management unit at TDR. Poor community engagement can lead to communities rejecting public health interventions, thus negating the immense time, effort and money invested in research and development.

"In order to identify which engagement practices could be scaled up and disseminated, it is also important to

Related

Witness seminar proceedings reports

Witness seminar-1: Tracing the historical trajectory of community engagement in TB related public health interventions in India (October 2021)

Witness seminar-2: Community engagement and patient-centered care in TB related public health interventions in India: perspectives of survivors, [www.tdr.org/newsroom/newsroom-releases/2021/12/15/engaging-communities-with-research-an-insight-from-india](#)



FMES, HEaL Institute, and NBC in 2022: At a Glance!

We would like to take this opportunity to take you through our works, independently or collaboratively — research, advocacy, capacity strengthening initiatives/trainings in sub-fields of bioethics, publishing, and other allied activities — as a way of our humble contributions to the scholarship and debates; to the policy conversations; and towards advocating for and supporting the cause of health justice in a broader sense.

Research initiatives: Publications, and dissemination engagement

Enhancing the Quality of Response of the Health Care System to Sexual Assault

TISS-FMES collaborative project
(Funded by the Indian Council for Medical Research and
the Department of Health Research, MoHFW, New Delhi, India)

Enhancing the Quality of Response of the Health Care System to Sexual Assault

Dr Lakshmi Lingam, TISS, Mumbai
Dr Sunita Bandewar, FMES, Pune
Ms Sita Mamidipudi, Hyderabad

Funded by

Indian Council for Medical Research and
the Department of Health Research,
MoHFW, New Delhi, India

(Project Reference No. GIA/8/2014-DHR)

Tata Institute of Social Sciences
Forum for Medical Ethics Society

Mumbai

6 April 2021



A [report published by WHO](#) estimates that one in every three women worldwide experience physical and/or sexual violence, and the perpetrators include an intimate partner or non-partner in her lifetime. Meanwhile [data from India's National Crime Records Bureau](#), in 2019, showed an increase of 7.3% in the cases registered in 2018.

To evaluate the current situation, the project team undertook a comprehensive study of healthcare and medico-legal care for survivors of gender-based violence with a special focus on domestic and sexual violence and identification of gaps in infrastructure and human resources. The findings of the study were reported in "[Enhancing the Quality of Response of the Health Care System to Sexual Assault](#)" and was jointly published by **Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) and FMES**. The study was conducted in Pune district of Maharashtra and Karimnagar district of Telangana, India.

The research team comprised: Dr Lakshmi Lingam, TISS, Mumbai; Dr Sunita Bandewar, FMES, Pune; Dr Sita Mamidipudi, Hyderabad.

The report was released through an [online dissemination meeting](#) held on Saturday, March 26,

2022



**Tata Institute of Social Sciences
&
Forum for Medical Ethics Society**



invite you for online report dissemination meeting

**'Enhancing the Quality of Health Care System Response to
Sexual Assault: Study of Maharashtra and Telangana'**

on 26th March 2022, 4 - 6 pm

Introductory Remarks **Chairperson** **Discussants**



Prof Shalini Bharat,
Director, TISS



Dr Shireen Jejeebhoy
Director, Aksha,
Mumbai



Vrinda Grover,
Advocate,
Supreme Court



Dr Avni Amin,
SRHR - VAW, WHO,
Geneva



Report to be presented by
Prof Lakshmi Ling
TISS, Mumbai



Dr Sunita Bandedkar
FMES, Pune



Ms Sita Mamidipati
UCLA, USA



Community Engagement in Implementation research Eco-research™ (Engagement of Communities in research in Tuberculosis and Mental Health)

FMES-RATIONS-TeaLeaf collaboration

**(Funded by TDR; co-sponsored by UNICEF, UNDP, the World Bank and WHO;
hosted at WHO)**

Publications

‘Witness seminar’ is a specialised form of oral history taking, with the intended purpose of helping historians, social scientists and other similar professionals to track and document the journeys of complex and large-scale health programmes, policies, biomedical discovery programmes or any such subjects that interest. One of the purposes or motivations behind organising a witness seminar is also to capture any missed perspectives and/or milestones in the existing documentation. In India, it is an emerging approach to exploring the long journey of complex healthcare systems, public health programmes or other thematics of relevance to peoples’ well-being.

We conducted two witness seminars in the interfacing space of tuberculosis programmes in India, community and stakeholders’ engagement (CSE), and implementation science. The seminar was aimed at better understanding how the involvement of and engagement with communities was conceptualised and operationalised, including omissions, any gaps between intent and implementation of these concepts over the period in independent India.

TB patients, survivors, activists and advocates of patient-centred care were our key witnesses. The sessions were recorded to avoid missing any valuable information and the verbatim transcripts and reports pertaining to the discussions were published online with the consent of the participants. These seminars have given deeper insights into perspectives of TB patients and survivors in relation to CSE in the TB programme and helped us reflect on addressing the gaps in development and delivery of comprehensive, patient-centred quality TB care.



**Proceedings Report of
A Witness Seminar on**

**Tracing the historical trajectory of
community engagement in TB-related
public health interventions in India**

Held on Thursday, October 21, 2021

**Co-organised by
HEaL Institute, FMES; and
CNS, YDU**

**Editors:
Sunita Sheel Bandewar, Anant Bhan,
Parimala S and Sharanya Sreekumar**

March 2022

**Supported by
The UNICEF/UNDP/World Bank/
WHO Special Programme for Research
and Training in Tropical Diseases (TDR)
[Grant Number: P21-00344]**



[Report on Witness seminar 1](#)



Proceedings Report of

A Witness Seminar on

Community engagement and patient-centred care in TB-Related public health interventions in India: perspectives of survivors, champions and community-based organisations

Held on Saturday, December 18, 2021

Co-organised by
HEaL Institute, FMES; and
CNS, YDU



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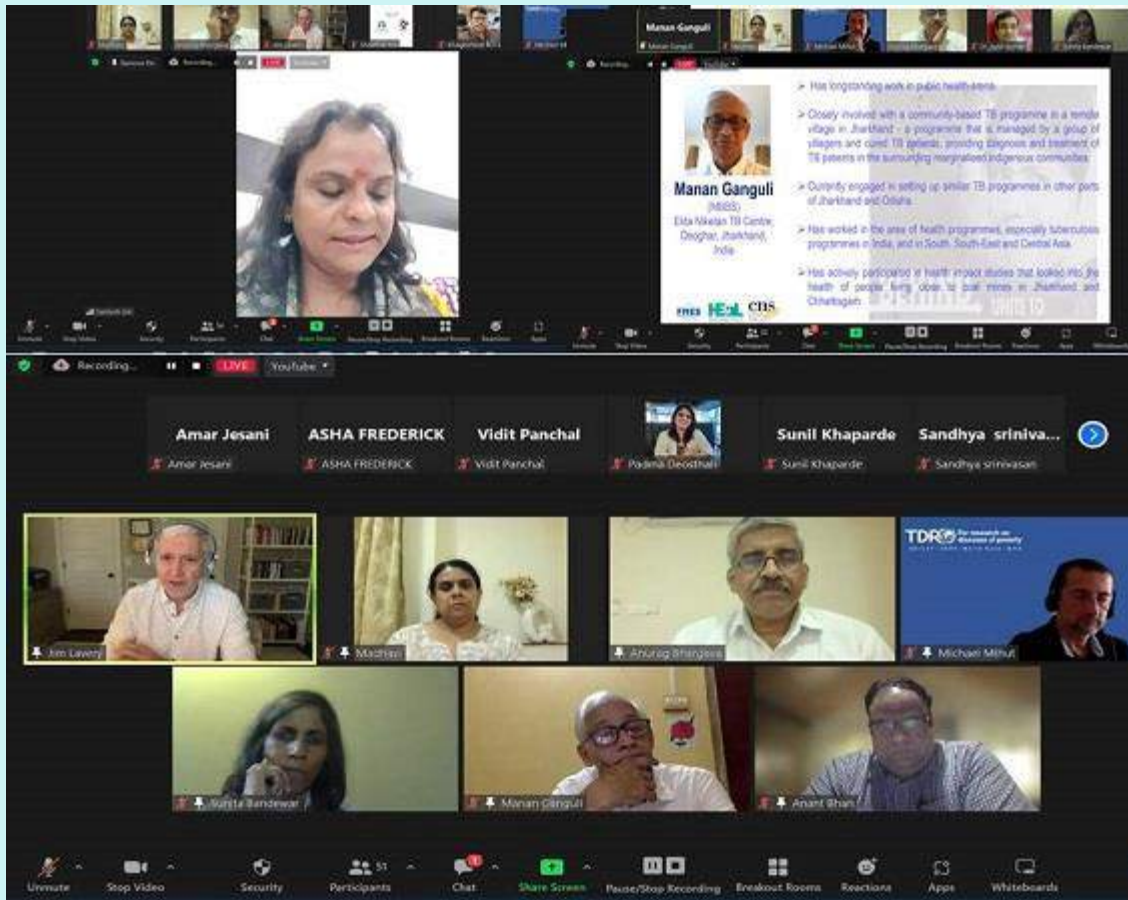
[Grant Number: P21-00344]



[Report on Witness seminar 2](#)

Dissemination meeting

Both the reports were [e-released](#) on Wednesday, May 25, 2022.



Events

FMES-IJME Ethics Awards 2020-2021

The FMES-IJME Ethics Award is an event of our biennial National Bioethics Conference (NBC), a platform established by the Forum for Medical Ethics Society in 2005. The [FMES-IJME Ethics Award 2020-21](#) was a part of the 8th NBC held in November 2020. The awards for '[Outstanding Contribution to Ethical Practice and Improving Access to Healthcare for Marginalised Groups during the COVID-19 pandemic](#)' were conferred on April 11, 2022. The Ethics Awards 2020-21 were intended to honour the contributions made by nursing professionals and grassroots healthcare professionals, during the pandemic.

The Center for Bioethics, Yenepoya (Deemed to be University), Mangalore hosted the grant and co-organised the the awards along with the FMES and its two platforms, IJME and HEaL.

**For Outstanding Contribution to Ethical Practices and
Improving Access to Healthcare for the Marginalised
during the COVID-19 pandemic**

AWARDEES

ASHAs and ANMs



Pasavathy Muthurangam

VHN, PHC, Minjur Block,
Tamil Nadu

**Nursing Professionals
& Counsellors**



Sanjana S. Chikhalkar

Chief Community Development
Officer (CDO), Khan Bahadur Bhabha
Municipal General Hospital,
Kurla West, Mumbai

**Groups formed during
COVID-19 to support
vulnerable constituencies**



SWAN

(Stranded Workers Action Network)
Initiated in Jharkhand and covering South
Delhi-Haryana, North, West and East Zone

Appreciation awards

ASHAs and ANMs



A. Kokila

ASHA, PHC, Mannavanur Block,
Palani, Tamil Nadu

**Nursing Professionals
& Counsellors**



Nazma

Community worker,
Former Staff Nurse, HAHC Hospital, Delhi

**Groups formed during
COVID-19 to support
vulnerable constituencies**



Covid warriors

Bangalore based Citizens' Group

FMES-IJME Ethics Awards Program

Opening of the FMES-IJME Ethics Awards Presentation

Welcome and congratulatory note by **Amrita Pitre**, Member, FMES Board of Trustees
Introduction to FMES and FMES-IJME Ethics Awards by **Sunita Sheel**, Secy Gen, FMES
Introduction to IJME by **Vijayaprasad Gopichandran**, Working Editor, IJME
Introduction to Center for Ethics, Yenepoya (Deemed to be University) by **Uma Kulkarni**, Faculty, Center for Ethics, YDU

FMES-IJME Ethics Awards Selection Committee - Nominations and Screening Process

M Prakashamma, Executive Director, ANSWERS, Hyderabad, Telangana
Sulakshana Nandi, Co-Chair of People's Health Movement Global Steering Council
Pavitra Mohan, Co-founder and Secretary, Basic Healthcare Services

Award Presentation and Speeches by Awardees - Citation reading

Mala Ramanathan, Working Editor, IJME
Olinda Timms, Adjunct Professor, Department of Health and Humanities, St. Johns Research Institute

Closing Remarks and Vote of Thanks by :
Sanjay Nagral, Chair, FMES

FMES-IJME Ethics Awards 2020-21 Final Program

Registration link for the e-ceremony. <https://forms.gle/w2wYCsQH16hDMz668>.

We thank the Awards Selection Committee for being on board and shouldering the responsibility of screening the applications.



**SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR
FMES-IJME ETHICS AWARDS 2020-21
IN COLLABORATION WITH
THE CENTER FOR ETHICS, YENEPOYA (DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY)**



**For Outstanding Contribution to Ethical Practices and
Improving Access to Healthcare for the Marginalised
during the COVID-19 pandemic**

Dr M Prakasanma,
Executive Director, Academy for
Nursing Studies and Women's
Empowerment Research Studies
(ANSWERS)



Dr Pavitra Mohan,
Co-founder and Secretary,
Basic Healthcare Services &
Director, Health Services,
Aajeevika Bureau, Uttarpr.



Dr Sulakshana
Co-Chair of People's Health Movement
Global Steering Council, and National
Co-Convenor of PHM India



AWARD CATEGORIES

- ASHAs and ANMs
- Nursing Professionals
- Groups formed during COVID-19 to support vulnerable constituencies

AWARD CEREMONY

A virtual event on World Health Day
APRIL 7, 2022

8th National Bioethics Conference

NOMINATIONS OPEN : JANUARY 7, 2022
NOMINATIONS CLOSE : FEBRUARY 28, 2022

Who can apply?

Any Indian nationals in the award categories serving marginalised and vulnerable communities and promoting the culture of ethical healthcare practice.



Call for Nominations FMES-IJME Ethics Awards 2020-21
Nomination form for Category 1 & 2; Nomination form for Category 3
For queries, please write to us at: fmes.ijmeethicsaward@gmail.com
Twitter handle: @ijmeethicsaward



PLEASE DO HELP US FIND A DESERVING CANDIDATE. IT COULD ALSO BE YOU.

[Joint 5th Global Mental Health Summit and 9th National Bioethics Conference](#)

Saturdays, December 3 and 10, 2022 (Virtual); December 17, 2022 (In Person)



THIRD ANNOUNCEMENT

Joint 5th Global Mental Health Summit (GMHS) and 9th National Bioethics Conference (NBC)

Conference Main Theme
Mental Health: Center-staging Human Rights, Ethics, Law, Research and Policy

Saturdays, December 3 & 10m 2022 (Virtual) & December 17, 2022 (In-person by BALM, Chennai) | Venue: Madras School of Social Work, Chennai)

DAY WISE THEMES

Day 1

Saturday,
December 3, 2022
Virtual

Theme: Mental Health Care Paradigms

Time: 2:30-7pm (IST)

Confirmed speakers of the day:

Rochelle Burgess,
Deepa Pawar, Daiane B. Machado,
Summet Jain, Ketaki Ranade,
Lakshmi Vijayakumar,
Tanmoy Goswami, Rakhi Dandona,
Awais Aftab, Hauwa Ojeifo,
Arjun Kapoor, Surinder Jaiswal,
Soumitra Pathare

Day 2

Saturday,
December 10, 2022
Virtual

Theme: Research Ethics Obligations In Mental Health Spaces

Time: 2:30-7pm (IST)

Confirmed speakers of the day:

Julian Eaton, Lola Kola,
Athula Sumathipala,
Audrey Prost, Crick Lund,
Rahul Shidhaye, Kaaren Mathias,
Chetna Duggal, Hanna Negussie,
Anant Bhan and Gita Sen

More to be announced...

Day 3

Saturday,
December 17, 2022
*In-Person at Madras School
of Social Work, Chennai*

Theme: Re-imagining Community Mental Health Towards Diverse and Inclusive Ecosystems

Time: 9:30am to 5:30pm (IST)

Confirmed speakers of the day:

Harsh Mander, Godfrey Kagaayi,
Sridhar Vaitheeswaran,
Chitra Venkateswaran, Ufra Mir,
Preeti Mathew, Prabha Chandra,
Alok Sarin, Radha Ramaswamy,
Sanjeev Jain, Tabassum Amina,
Barbara Regeer, Amar Jesani,
Ashique Selim, Sujatha Rao and
KV Kishore Kumar

Free Registration to the Joint 5th GMHS and 9th NBC is now open.

Spread the word and share the link!

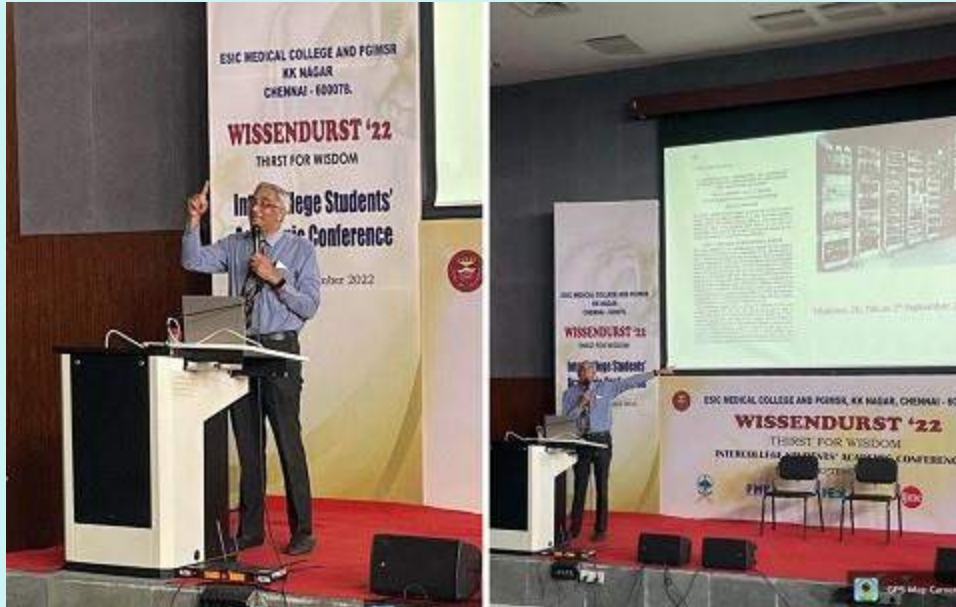
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CONFERENCE CO-HOSTS



Public Health Emergency and the ethics of reporting was co-hosted by University of Hyderabad, and FMES, HEaL, *IJME* on [Monday, October 10, 2022](#) and [Thursday, October 13, 2022](#).

[What we can learn from the History of Medicine?](#)



A talk on [What we can learn from the History of Medicine?](#) by Prof Mario Vaz was organised during the WISSENDURST 22 : Intercollege Students' Academic Conference organised by ESIC Medical College and PGIMS, Chennai on Saturday, September 3, 2022.

Capacity strengthening in bioethics

Short-Duration Intensive Training Institutes

[Short-Duration Intensive Training Program in Public Health Ethics](#)

October 1, 2022, to November 26, 2022

Short-Duration Intensive Training Program in Public Health Ethics

Virtual Oct 1, 2022 to Nov 26, 2022 (Every Saturday during this period between 1600 and 1930 hrs)

Organised by

Forum for Medical Ethics Society (FMES), Mumbai and
FMES' Health, Ethics and Law (HEaL) Institute for Training, Research
and Advocacy, Mumbai-Pune

in collaboration with

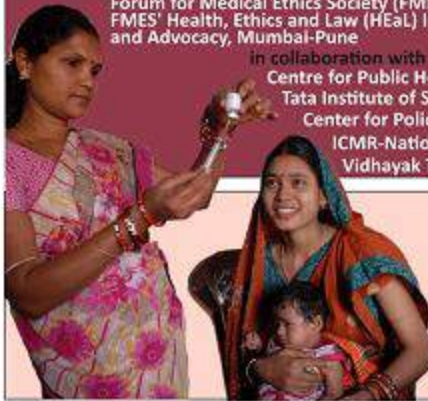
Centre for Public Health, School of Health Systems Studies

Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai

Center for Policy Studies, IIT Bombay

ICMR-National Institute of Epidemiology (ICMR-NIE), Chennai

Vidhayak Trust, Pune



Course participants



Dr Akshaya K M



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Aarti Halwai



Dr. Bindumol. V.C.

Jackline Muthoni
Mwangi



Karishma Navalkar



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Dr. Madhavrao C



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Dr Padmavathi



Dr Parandhaman A



Parthasarathi Dehury



Dr. Praveen Suthar



Roshani Babu



Shaibya Saldanha



Shelley Saha Sinha



Sre Ratha



Dr Stephen Muhudhia Ombok



Subbulakshmy Natarajan



Sunanda Das



Supriya Subramani



Ravi Prasad Varma



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Subha Sri Balakrishnan



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Tarun Bhatnagar



Vijayaprasad Gopichandran

**Short-Duration Intensive Training Program in Social Science and Public Health
Research Ethics**

September 6, 2022, to November 8, 2022

Short-Duration Intensive Training Program in
**Social Science and
 Public Health Research Ethics**

Sept 6, 2022 to Nov 8, 2022
 (Every Tuesday during this period between 1600 and 1930 hrs)

Virtual

FMES's Health, Ethics, and Law (HEal) Institute of Training, Research and Advocacy
 Collaboration with
 Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai
 and Vidhayak Trust, Pune



Course participants

				
Abhishek Chakraborty	Anees Fathima Thabassum. Z.	Aravind Chandru B.	Dinta Suresh	Ganesh Singh Dharmshaktu
				
Hitesh Kumar Nayak	Karishma Navalkar	Madhavrao C.	Manisha Pradhan	Samir Kumar Bebarta
				
Somyashree Tripathy	Tamara Kudalbergenova	Trinath Taraputia	Vandana Raghunath	

Course faculty



Abhijit Nadkarni



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Calvin WL Ho



Eunice Kamaara



Lakshmi Lingam



Lisa Schwartz



Mala Ramanathan



Sandhya Srinivasan



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Sunita Sheel Bandewar



Tejal Barai - Jaitly



Uma Kulkarni



Vina Vaswani

This, was a year at a glance.

Please continue reading the Digest for the details of forthcoming events...

Newsletter Spotlight 1

IJME Jan-Mar 2023 issue is now out!

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF PUBLICATION

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NARCOANALYSIS: UNETHICAL INTERROGATION TECHNIQUE

Challenges of providing dialysis in low-resource settings
Reproductive rights of women with intellectual disability
Discussion: Confessions of an Ayurveda professor
Poem: A dubious gift

As *IJME* completes its 30 years, we bring to you the first issue ([Jan-Mar 2023](#)) of our 31st volume.

With increasing cases of human rights violation, an editorial in this issue looks at [unethical methods of interrogating](#) persons accused of crime. A constructive discussion on an [Ayurveda professor's reflections](#) on the need to critically revise the Ayurveda curriculum enrich the issue.

A research article analyses the barriers and facilitators of [professional autonomy in nursing](#), while another research article explores the effectiveness of teaching [medical ethics](#) to

students on a virtual platform.

An [editorial](#), a [research article](#) and a [comment](#) analyse the effect of affordability of dialysis on decision-making. A comment discusses the need for the use of [gender-inclusive language](#) by healthcare professionals and an author elaborates the central ideas from the book "[The Dravidian Model](#)" to better understand the effectiveness of Tamil Nadu Healthcare system in India.

A student reflects on [delivering care](#) on the Covid-19 frontline, while a short poem describes the [nature of gifted authorship](#).

These along with other articles, book reviews and letters make the issue an interesting read.

Online First from *IJME*

Bhat, R., Ramaswami, A., Aggarwal, P. (2023). [Learning to switch gears — Steering palliative care into emergency medicine](#). *Indian Journal of Medical Ethics*, January 16, 2023

Delaney, C., Delaney, T. (2023). [Public healthcare \(in\)accessibility for TB patients: a slum's-eye view](#). *Indian Journal of Medical Ethics*, January 26, 2023

Gupta, H. (2022). [Virus versus humanity — Do vaccines tilt the scale?](#) *Indian Journal of Medical Ethics*, December 28, 2022

Krishna, G (2023). [Do Ayurveda students need a course in Medical Astrology?](#) *Indian Journal of Medical Ethics*, January 4, 2023

Lakhotia, S. (2023). ["Confessions of an Ayurveda professor" — A wake up call](#). *Indian Journal of Medical Ethics*, January 18, 2023

Puliyel, J. (2023). [Health Insurance: Drawing inspiration from chit funds to pool health risks efficiently](#). *Indian Journal of Medical Ethics*, January 20, 2023

Announcement from the local and global peer community

Forthcoming conferences and webinar

[Healthy, Wealthy, and Wise: The Ethics of Benefit-Cost Analysis](#) | Brocher Foundation panel discussion | February 23, 2023 | 5 pm Geneva time / 11 am US Eastern time / 4 pm London time

[The War in Ukraine – Lives, Money and the Politics of Global Health](#) | International Geneva Global Health Platform | Ulana Suprun, Ahmad Mukhtar, Michel Kazatchkine | February 8, 2023 | 3 – 4.15 pm (CET)

Concluded conferences and webinar

[Nutrition Policy from the Lens of Caste](#) | Dr Sylvia Karpagam | APPSC IITB

[Ecosystem People, Biosphere People, Ecological Refugees](#) | 5th Social Change Annual Lecture | Professor Madhav Gadgil

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

Academic and popular press

[Survival of the Richest: The India Story](#) | Oxfam India | January 15, 2023

[Digital Delhi : A Public Lecture on 'Digitalization, Science & Criminal Investigation: Concerns for Democratic Rights' Given for the 37th Dr. Ramanadham Memorial Meeting](#) | Apar Gupta | Internet Freedom Foundation | January 14, 2023

[Nutrition Experts Write to Amitabh Bachchan Over 'Misleading Promotion' of Biscuit](#) | The Wire | January 5, 2023

Reports and Guidelines



**LABOUR STANDARDS IN
THE PLATFORM ECONOMY**

Fairwork India Ratings 2022



[Fairwork India Ratings 2022: Labour Standards in the Platform Economy. Bangalore, India; Oxford, United Kingdom](#) | Fairwork

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