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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

FMES-IJME Ethics Awards 2022-23

As you might have read in our previous Digest, the [FMES-IJME Ethics Awards 2022-23](#), co-hosted by the [FMES](#) in collaboration with Banyan Academy of Leadership in Mental Health ([BALM](#)), Chennai, will be presented for the '**Outstanding Contribution to Ethical Practices and Improving Access to Mental Healthcare for Marginalised Communities**', which are in line with the theme of the [9th NBC-5th GMHS](#) Conference 'Mental Health: Center-staging Human Rights, Ethics, Law, and Policy'.

These are the third round of awards since they were first launched in 2018 and have been supported by the Elsevier Foundation.

Due to some requests received from the participants, the call for nomination has been extended to Tuesday, February 28, 2023.



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR
FMES-IJME ETHICS AWARDS 2022-23
IN COLLABORATION WITH
BANYAN ACADEMY OF LEADERSHIP IN MENTAL HEALTH (BALM)



For Outstanding Contribution to Ethical Practices and
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We also present to you the [awards selection committee](#).



SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR FMES-IJME ETHICS AWARDS 2022-23



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Deepa Pawar
Founder Director, Anubhuti
Charitable Trust, Maharashtra



Harsh Mander
Chairperson,
Centre for Equity Studies, Delhi

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Important dates:

- Call opened on: Friday, December 23, 2022
- Call ended on: **Tuesday, February 28, 2023, 11:59 pm IST (Extended date)**
- Short-listing of nominees by the FMES-IJME Ethics Awards Selection Committee: Tuesday, February 28, 2023
- Final decision: Monday, March 13, 2023

- Awards presentation e-ceremony: Saturday, March 25, 2023 (Virtual Event, hosted by FMES in collaboration with the BALM, Chennai)

Newsletter Spotlight 2

Budget 2023 : Healthcare neglected

In the Union Budget 2023-24 announced by the Finance Minister on Wednesday, February 1, 2023, [the central government budget for health](#) (excluding research) is going to be Rs 86,175 crore roughly.

But is it enough? We bring to you some news articles discussing the budget allocation for health sector.

[Neglecting the health sector has consequences](#) | Sujatha Rao | The Hindu | February 8, 2023

मानसिक स्वास्थ्य को लेकर गंभीर नहीं है केंद्र सरकार

केंद्र ने बजट में 30 पैसा प्रति व्यक्ति सालाना खर्च की घोषणा की

■ मोदी सरकार, मुंबई: मुंबई सहित देशभर में मानसिक हलक एक जटिल स्वास्थ्य समस्या बनने जा रही है। इसके बावजूद सरकार को पता हूए केन्द्रिय बजट में राष्ट्रीय मानसिक स्वास्थ्य कार्यक्रम के प्रति उदासीनता दिखाई देती है। इस बजट में इस कार्यक्रम के लिए मात्र 40 करोड़ रुपये का प्रावधान किया गया है। इस निधि का आकलन अगर देश की जनसंख्या के हिसाब से करें तो सरकार इस पर प्रति व्यक्ति प्रति वर्ष सिर्फ 30 पैसा ही खर्च कर रही है।

स्वास्थ्य के प्रति काम करनेवाली संस्था 'जनस्वास्थ्य अभियान' ने स्वास्थ्य बजट में किए गए निधि प्रावधानों का आकलन कर एक रिपोर्ट रिपोर्ट जारी की है। अपने रिपोर्ट में संस्थान ने आगे कहा है कि केंद्र सरकार ने एक बार फिर स्वास्थ्य बजट को उपेक्षा की है। संस्थान के मुताबिक, पिछले साल के बजट में वार्षिक रूप से करीब 7 फीसदी गिरावट देखी गई थी और इस साल के बजट में भी गिरावट आई है। 2022-23 के बजट की तुलना में वर्ष 2023-24 के बजट में स्वास्थ्य और संबंधित कार्यक्रमों के लिए वार्षिक रूप से आर्पेटन में 2 फीसदी की कमी की गई है।

अर्थात् यह भी नहीं हो पायी खर्च: राष्ट्रीय मानसिक स्वास्थ्य कार्यक्रम (एनएमएसए) और केंद्र सरकार द्वारा दिए गये विभिन्न संस्थानों को बजट के अभाव में उपाय का सामना करना पड़



महिला स्वास्थ्य पर भी ध्यान नहीं

राष्ट्रीय स्वास्थ्य मिशन पर आर्पेटन में कटौती सीधे प्रजनन और मानसिक स्वास्थ्य देखभाल कार्यक्रमों को प्रभावित करती है। महिलाओं के स्वास्थ्य से संबंधित अन्य महत्वपूर्ण क्षेत्र हैं, जो वर्तमान बजट के तहत उपेक्षित हो गए हैं। केन्द्रिय बजट 2023-24 में सामान्य योजना के लिए आर्पेटन में 41 करोड़ रुपये की गिरावट आई है, जिसमें प्रधानमंत्री मातृ वंदन योजना जैसी योजनाएं शामिल हैं। वर्ष 2022-23 में 2622 करोड़ रुपये का आर्पेटन किया गया था, जो वर्ष 2023-24 में पटकर 2582 करोड़ रुपये रह गया है।

था है। एनएसएए को ममूले रूप से 40 करोड़ रुपये का आर्पेटन प्राप्त हुआ है, जो 2019-20 से समान है। इस निधि का आकलन अगर देश की जनसंख्या से किया जाए तो यह प्रति व्यक्ति प्रति वर्ष केवल 30 पैसे खर्च करने के बराबर है। इसके अलावा, ये अर्पेटन धनाग्रही भी करने हूए तक कम खर्च की जाती है। 2021-22 में वार्षिक व्यय मात्र

20.46 करोड़ रुपये था।

क्या कहते हैं स्वास्थ्य विशेषज्ञ: संस्थान के राष्ट्रीय सह संयोजक डॉ. अश्विनी शर्मा ने बताया कि जमीनी स्तर पर मानसिक स्वास्थ्य कार्यक्रम के लिए पर्याप्त समर्थन और संसाधन का अभाव बना हुआ है। उन्होंने बताया कि केन्द्रिय बजट में राष्ट्रीय मानसिक स्वास्थ्य कार्यक्रम के लिए जो निधि प्रावधान की

जन स्वास्थ्य अभियान ने किया बजट का आकलन

आधुनिक जीवनशैली और बदलते हालात का त्वेषी की मेटल हेल्थ पर गहरा असर पड़ता है। खासकर पर कोविड संकट के दौरान और बाद में आर्थिक असुरक्षा संगत जगाम मसलों को लेकर मानसिक रोगियों की संख्या बढ़ी है। मनोरोग को लेकर फलते से ही कई घटियां हैं। स्वयं इलाज के लिए सलाह नहीं आते हैं। ऐसे में सरकार को चाहिए कि वह लोगों को इसकी प्रति जागरूक करे और बेहतर इलाज की सुविधा मुहैया करवाए।

को लेकर मानसिक रोगियों की संख्या बढ़ी है। मनोरोग को लेकर फलते से ही कई घटियां हैं। स्वयं इलाज के लिए सलाह नहीं आते हैं। ऐसे में सरकार को चाहिए कि वह लोगों को इसकी प्रति जागरूक करे और बेहतर इलाज की सुविधा मुहैया करवाए।

गई है, वह न के बराबर है। अगर देश में मानसिक बीमारियों से पीड़ित मरीजों से इसका आकलन करें तो सरकार प्रति व्यक्ति खर्च वर्ष में सिर्फ 4 रुपये कर रही है। जब देश में 40 करोड़ लोग मानसिक रोग से पीड़ित हैं। इस 4 रुपये में एक नैट की गोली तक नहीं आती है। कोविड काल से मानसिक स्वास्थ्य समस्या जटिल रूप में उभरी है।

[Manasik Swasthya ko Lekar Gambhir Nahi Hai Sarkar | Nav Bharat Times | Abhay Shukla | February 3, 2023](#)

[No 'Amrit Kaal' For Health Sector? Experts On What's Missing In Budget 2023 | Anoushka Rajesh | The quint | February 3, 2023](#)

[Budget 2023-24: Marginal rise in health budget not enough to keep up with inflation, experts say | Taran Deol | DownToEarth | February 3, 2023](#)

[Budget neglected mental health, allege activists | Indian Express | February 3, 2023](#)

[Health budget has 'overlooked' Covid lessons: Activists | Times of India | February 3, 2023](#)

[Budget 2023-24: Leaving the Marginalised Behind! | Nesar Ahmad | News Click | February 2, 2023](#)

[Decoding the Budget Through a Feminist Lens | Rohitha Naraharisetty | The Swaddle | February 2, 2023](#)

[Budget 2023: Infrastructure Spending Grows But At The Expense Of Social Sector Spending |](#)

Avani Kapur, Sharad Pandey, Ritwik Shukla | IndiaSpend | February 2, 2023

[Uncovering the political economy of the 2023-24 budget](#) | Ravi Duggal | The Leaflet | February 2, 2023

Some articles published in IJME on budget allocation for healthcare:

Pandya SK. [Making medical care and research rational and affordable](#). Indian J Med Ethics. 2015 Apr-Jun;12(2):97-103

Bhargava A, Kalantri SP. [The crisis in access to essential medicines in India: key issues which call for action](#). Indian J Med Ethics. 2013 Apr-Jun;10(2):86-95.

Thomas G, Srinivasan S. [Budget 2008 and health care: less of the same?](#) Indian J Med Ethics. 2008 Apr-Jun;5(2):55-6.

Newsletter Spotlight 3

Norms for passive euthanasia eased

A five-judge Bench of the Supreme Court headed by Justice K M Joseph has revamped the procedure for implementation of advance medical directives of terminally-ill patients to die with dignity by withdrawing medical treatment. The changes will be altered in the existing guidelines for 'living wills' as laid down in its 2018 judgment in Common Cause vs Union of India & Anr, which allowed passive euthanasia.

We bring to you some popular press articles covering the news and some articles published in IJME in the past on Passive Euthanasia.

News articles:

[Passive Euthanasia: Supreme Court modifies 2018 judgment, does away with Magistrate nod for living will/ advance directive](#) | Abhimanyu Hazarika | Bar and Bench | February 3, 2023

[Supreme Court eases procedures for terminally ill patients to withdraw medical treatment](#) | Krishnadas Rajagopal | The Hindu | February 3, 2023

[What is a living will, and the new Supreme Court order for simplifying passive euthanasia procedure?](#) | Khadija Khan | The Indian Express | January 27, 2023

IJME articles on Euthanasia:

Shukla R. [Passive euthanasia in India: a critique](#). Indian J Med Ethics. 2016 Jan-Mar;1(1):35-8.

Gupta M. [Interpretation: a confounding factor](#). Indian J Med Ethics. 2016 Apr-Jun;1(2):130.

Bandewar SV, Chaudhuri L, Duggal L, Nagral S. [The Supreme Court of India on euthanasia: Too little, too late.](#) Indian J Med Ethics. 2018 Apr-Jun;3(2):91-94.

Brassington I. [How not to talk about passive euthanasia: A lesson from India.](#) Indian J Med Ethics. 2021 Jan-Mar;VI(1):1-11.

Online First from *IJME*

Bhatta, V. (2023). [What can philosophy do for medical research ethics?](#) Indian Journal of Medical Ethics, January 28, 2023

Keshri, V. (2023). [Reform of medical practice regulation in India is 'half-done'.](#) Indian Journal of Medical Ethics, February 9, 2023

Looijaard, R., Nortj'e, N. (2023). [To have done everything.](#) Indian Journal of Medical Ethics, February 1, 2023

Menon, R. (2023). [The Hermeneutics of Pain.](#) Indian Journal of Medical Ethics, February 10, 2023

S, Y., Parmar, P., Mada, P., Reddy, D. (2023). [Medico-legal autopsies after sunset: Ethical issues.](#) Indian Journal of Medical Ethics, February 4, 2023

Announcement from the local and global peer community

Forthcoming conferences and webinar

[Asia-Pacific Bioethics Education Network \(APBEN\) Congress 2023 Manila : Advancing Healthcare Quality and Safety Through Improved Ethics and Professionalism Capacities](#) | APBEN | Pre-Congress: May 31, 2023 at 8 am to 4 pm | Main congress: June 1-3, 2023

[IRG-GHJ Spring Symposium – Global Health Justice: Methodologies for Epistemic Reparation](#) | George Mason University Department of Philosophy | April 14, 2023 | 9 am – 6 pm (UTC–5)

[ECHO–NIH Return of Individual Research Results to Participants Virtual Workshop](#) | ECHO, NIH | March 16-17, 2023



APBEN Inaugural Webinar
 "What effective teaching strategies are used by bioethics teachers in the Asia Pacific region?"

Speaker
 DR. ANITA ANIS ALLANA
 Senior Instructor
 Aga Khan University

Speaker
 DR. WEE-MING LAU
 Senior Lecturer
 Monash University
 Malaysia

Speaker
 DR. SUSAN NAGTALON
 Professor and Dean
 St. Luke's Medical Center
 College of Medicine

Moderator
 DR. PACIFICO CALDERON
 A/ Professor
 St. Luke's Medical Center
 College of Medicine

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[What effective teaching strategies are used by bioethics teachers in the Asia Pacific region?](#) | APBEN Inaugural Webinar | Anita Anis Allana, Wee-ming Lau, Susan Nagtalon | March 3, 2023 | 10:30 (INT); 11:00 (PKT); 14:00 (MYT; PHT; SGT; HKT); 15:00 (JST/KST); 17:00 (AEST); 19:00 (NZDT).

[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

[Health Journalism 2023](#) | Association of Health Care Journalists | Deadline for registration: February 17, 2023



PROS & CONS OF PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED SUICIDE & EUTHANASIA

Lydia Dugdale, MD, MAR

Silberberg Associate Professor of Medicine
Director, Center for Clinical Medical Ethics
Associate Director of Clinical Ethics, NYP
Columbia Vagelos College of Physicians & Surgeons



Lecture & Reception to follow
February 15, 5PM
VEC 401



[Pros & Cons of Physician-Assisted Suicide & Euthanasia](#) | Lydia Dugdale | February 15, 2023 |
5 – 7 pm EST



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People-centric
Health Systems



Dr. Chandrakant Lahariya

Dr Lahariya is an Indian public health, policy expert and a writer. His work centers around strengthening health systems, public policy interventions to address health inequities and to develop innovative models for health service delivery. Dr. Lahariya is the lead author of book 'Till We Win: India's Fight Against The COVID-19 Pandemic.'

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[How to write a scientific article by Dr. Chandrakant Lahariya](#) | Foundation for People-centric Health Systems | February 15, 2023 | 6 pm onwards (IST)

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

Academic and popular press

[A tourist who stayed on](#) | Sanjay Nagral | Hindustan Times | February 6, 2023

[5,704 patients quit treatment mid-way at Asia's biggest TB hospital in nine years](#) | Rupsa Chakraborty | Indian Express | February 5, 2023

[More Than 500 Indian Scientists, Academics Slam Govt for Blocking BBC Documentary on Modi](#) | The Wire | February 3, 2023

[Is It Ethical to Reduce Prison Sentences in Exchange for Organ Donation?](#) | The Hastings Center | Franklin G. Miller | February 3, 2023

The 'OA market' – what is healthy? | [Part 1](#) and [Part 2](#) | OASPA | Malavika Legge | January 24

and 31, 2023

[Advancing Vaccine Equity: Lessons Learned from the Federal Health Center Covid-19 Vaccine Program](#) | The Hastings Center | January 31, 2023

[Addressing Mpox \(Monkeypox\): Effective Science and Rights-Based Responses](#) | UNDP | January 16, 2023

[Taliban ban on female NGO staff is deepening Afghanistan's public health crisis](#) | Science | January 16, 2023

[COP15 ends with landmark biodiversity agreement](#) | UN Environment Programme | December 20, 2022

Media / YouTube / Podcasts

[The Unconventional Doctor](#) | Dr Yogesh Jain | TEDxAIIMSNewDelhi

[Science in Times of Crisis](#) | International Science Council's Committee for Freedom and Responsibility in Science

Call for Applications

[WHO Civil Society Commission](#) | WHO | January 27, 2023

Call for Nominations

[2023 Bernard Lo, MD Award in Bioethics](#) | The Greenwall Foundation | Deadline: March 20, 2023 | 11:59pm ET

Courses/Training programmes

[Intensive Global Bioethics Training Program](#) | Johns Hopkins Berman Institute of Bioethics | May 29 – June 23, 2023 | Deadline for registration: February 28, 2023

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