

Fortnightly Digest by



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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

2023)

to continue with and

**Dr Vasantha Muthuswamy (July 12, 1948 – February 21,
*has left behind an unprecedented legacy for us all
build on while celebrating her lifespan of about 75
years...***



Dr Vasantha Muthuswamy
July 12, 1948 - February 21, 2023

On February 21, 2023, **Dr Vasantha Muthuswamy**, a dedicated and inspiring voice of ethics in India wrapped up her superb inning here with us . She was not only a vigorous builder of ethical systems but also a warm and generous human being with personal ties with all who met her. She had close ties with IJME and was on its editorial board for many years. During the third National Bioethics Conference of FMES-IJME, she was [felicited](#) for her contribution to bioethics discourse, and developing a governance structures towards making health research ethically sound.

The following quotes from her obituaries reflect her personality.

In a personal note penned by Dr Roli Mathur, she [speaks of Dr Vasantha...](#)

“She respected one and all equally, with no preference according to status or rank, and was very approachable. No wonder people entered her room freely, coming for personal, professional, and financial advice or help, and she obliged them all. She loved her office — her room always bursting with energy, full of people, and phone constantly ringing; she would happily always say “Yes” to every kind of work.”

Dr Mala Ramanathan, in her [heartwarming eulogy for Dr Vasantha](#), adds

“She would answer your phone calls without any airs. She could talk about the best way to make suji halwa and when to add ghee; and simultaneously answer questions about the available ethical guidance to manage a complex intervention involving ayurvedic medications

as adjunct therapy, yoga and allopathic medication.”

We also share with you a recorded [conversation with Dr Vasantha Muthuswamy](#) as conducted by Dr Anant Bhan, Sangath Bhopal, discussing about her life and work in ethics. The [conversation was recorded in June 2021](#) as part of archiving the history and development of bioethics as a discipline in India under Sangath’s health research ethics course.



Online First from *IJME*

Mathur, R. (2023). [Dr Vasantha Muthuswamy: \(12 July, 1948 – 21 February, 2023\)](#). *Indian Journal of Medical Ethics*, February 27, 2023

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Singh, S., Solanki, M., Vaney, N., Bhan, A. (2023). [Medical ethics teaching in the new undergraduate physiology competency-based curriculum in medical institutions in Delhi: A pilot, feasibility study](#). *Indian Journal of Medical Ethics*, February 24, 2023

Sukumar, S. (2023). [Medical negligence in cases decided by the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission: A five-year retrospective review](#). *Indian Journal of Medical Ethics*, February 18, 2023

Thiagesan, R., Soundari, H., B., K., Gopichandran, V. (2023). [‘Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam’ scheme in Tamil Nadu: an intersectionality-based analysis of access to NCD care](#). *Indian*

Announcement from the local and global peer community

Forthcoming conferences and webinar

[The Inaugural Africa Children Summit: A Child Led Conference](#) | Nairobi, Kenya | April 10-12, 2023

[The Science of Social Justice: An Interdisciplinary Approach Towards Healing Intergenerational Trauma](#) | Dr. Sará King | UMN Bakken Center for Spirituality & Healing | March 28, 2023 | 12 to 1:30 p.m. Central



INAUGURAL WEBINAR
**POWER & PRIVILEGE
IN ACADEMIA**

WORKING TOWARDS EQUITY
FOR PEOPLE OF COLOUR
WITHIN THE UK BIOETHICS
COMMUNITY

WITH
PROF. KEISHA S. RAY
MCGOVERN CENTER,
UTHEALTH

PROF. ILINA SINGH
UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

TUESDAY
21 MARCH 2023
16 : 00 - 18 : 00 GMT

The poster features a background image of a scale of justice. On the right side, there is a decorative grid of white dots and three wavy orange lines at the bottom right.

[Power and Privilege in Academia](#) | Ilina Singh, Keisha S. Ray | Black and Brown in Bioethics | March 21, 2023 | 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm UTC

[Use of Race, Ethnicity, and Ancestry as Population Descriptors in Genomics Research – Report Release Webinar](#) | The National Academies | March 17, 2023 | 11:30 am – 12:30 pm EDT

[Co-developing interventions to address VAWG: practical insights from 5 projects](#) | University of Exeter, Project Empower, UCL Institute for Global Health, SVRI | March 8, 2023 | 3:00 pm in Johannesburg

[Goals of Care Conversations in Critical Care](#) | Trillium Health Partners | March 7, 2023 | 12:30 – 1:00 pm ET | (Zoom login Password – 318998)

[The Commercial Determinants of Health](#) | University of Colorado – Center for Bioethics and Humanities | March 7, 2023 | 11:00 am to 2:30 pm ET



[Media Messaging on Equity: How do we do better?](#) | Vohra Miller Lectures in Critical Public Health Issues, Institute for Pandemics | March 6, 2023 | 4:30 – 6:30 pm EST

[Can Deaths from Cancer be Prevented?](#) | David J. Hunter | Venue: In-person at Lower Parel, Mumbai, India | [Zoom](#) | March 2, 2023 | 05:00 pm IST

[Sexual and Gender Based Violence & Securitisation](#) | Centre for Women's Rights, Jindal Global Law School | March 1, 2023 | 8 pm IST

[What Makes Your Research Trustworthy? Threats and Opportunities](#) | University of Minnesota's Annual Research Ethics Day Conference | March 1, 2023 | 9:00 am – 3:00 pm Central

[The Ethics of Artificial Intelligence for Public Health in Canada](#) | University of Toronto Joint Centre for Bioethics | March 1, 2023 | 4:00 – 5:00 pm ET

Concluded conferences and webinar

[Informed Consent: Beyond “Consenting” the Patient](#) | Miriam Shapiro, Thaddeus Pope | UMN Center for Bioethics

[The Future of Emergency Powers in Public Health](#) | James G. Hodge, Sandra C. Quinn, Michelle M. Mello | Consortium on Law & Values

[Physicians’ Experiences with and Perceptions of Caring for Patients with Disability](#) | Lisa Iezzoni | UMN Center for Bioethics

[Using #VACS Data and Process to Accelerate National Action to Protect Children](#) | Implementation Science Collaborative | January 24, 2023

[Should We Change “Chimeric” Human-Animal Research?](#) | The Hastings Center

[Black Reproductive Health: Getting at the Root Cause of Inequity](#) | Rachel R Hardeman | Center for Bioethics

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

Academic and popular press

[12 Outstanding Scholars Recognized for Work in Ethics of Disability, Transplantation, Mental Health Care, and Other Areas](#) | The Hastings Center | February 15, 2023

Report

[Feminist Research on Violence against Women in Humanitarian and Development Settings: A Snapshot of Best Practices and Challenges](#) | Cassie Denbow and Joy Watson | Sexual Violence Research Initiative, COFEM



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WOMEN 
GENERATION EQUALITY

[Safe Consultations with Survivors of Violence Against Women and Girls](#) | Global Right for Women, Australian Aid, UN Women

Media / YouTube / Podcasts

[Stem Cell Therapy For Autism: Cure or Lure? \(A Neurodiversity Affirming short film\)](#) | Yash Charitable Trust and Forum for Autism

Call for Applications

[Senior Gender Specialist](#) | The International Center for Research on Women | Nairobi, Kenya |

Closing date: Open until filled

[Senior Sexual & Reproductive Health and Rights \(SRHR\) Specialist](#) | The International Center for Research on Women | Job Location: Washington, DC or Remote | Closing date: Open until filled

Call for submissions – Abstracts/Papers

[Decolonizing Climate Change and Health Well-Being Research | International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health](#) | Deadline for manuscript submissions: January 31, 2024

[Climate crisis and health](#) | BMJ Global Health | November 5, 2023

[Research Integrity and Research Misconduct](#) | Research Ethics | Deadline: October 31, 2023

[CFP: Feminist Approaches to Moral Responsibility](#) | Feminist Philosophy Quarterly | Deadline: April 30, 2023

[Healthcare Under Fire: Stories from Healthcare Workers During Armed Conflict](#) | Narrative Inquiry in Bioethics | Deadline: March 22, 2023

[Greening the Medical Humanities: The Environment and the Body in Conversation](#) | The Postgraduate Journal of Medical Humanities | Deadline: March 3, 2023

[Gender, Sexuality, and State Violence: International Perspectives on Institutional and Intersectional Justice](#) | Societies | Deadline for abstract submission: February 28, 2023



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Submission Deadline
February 28, 2023

Details and Submission Link:
tinyurl.com/LikhoWorkshop2023



[Likho Citizen Journalism Workshop 2023](#) | The Humsafar Trust supported by Scotia Bank, TRANScend, Google and Quebec Government | Deadline: February 28, 2023

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