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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

Awards presentation ceremony (virtual)

On Friday, June 9, 2023 between 4 and 5:15 pm (IST)

FMES-IJME Ethics Awards 2022-23 in collaboration with **Banyan Academy of Leadership in Mental Health (BALM)** is being awarded “For outstanding contribution to ethical practices and improving access to mental healthcare for marginalised communities”. The virtual event will be held on Friday, June 09, 2023 from 4 to 5:15 pm (IST).

Registration link for the e-ceremony: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMrcO-qrjguHdGzMVRfPoHPM8v9gp1Wfmsl>



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IN COLLABORATION WITH
BANYAN ACADEMY OF LEADERSHIP
IN MENTAL HEALTH (BALM)**



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AWARDEES

**FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO ETHICAL PRACTICES AND IMPROVING
ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTHCARE FOR MARGINALISED COMMUNITIES**

Category 1

Advocates/Champions foregrounding lived experiences and contributing to ethical practices for rights-based mental healthcare

Winner



Aryan Somaiya

Co-Founder, Therapist, Trainer, Nature and Animal Lover, Gujraji Counseling and Psychotherapy, Sector 17, Vashi, Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra, India

Appreciation Award



Sudarshan R Kottai

Assistant Professor, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT, Palakkad, Kerala, India

Category 3

Community-based civil society organisations

Winner



EKJUT

(Together Building Healthier Communities)

Plot no. - 3638, Peta, Changanassery, West Singaperumal, Pin - 683702, Kerala, India.

SELECTION COMMITTEE



Deepa Pawar

Founder Director, Anubhuti Charitable Trust, Thane, Maharashtra, India



Harsh Mander

Chairperson, Centre for Equity Studies, New Delhi



Ufra Mir

Founding Exec Director, Peace-psychologist; Paigam & International Center for Peace-psychology, Kashmir

FMES-IJME Ethics Awards Program 2022-23

Opening of the FMES-IJME Ethics Awards Presentation (10 mins)

Welcome and congratulatory note by **Amita Pitre**, Member, Managing Committee, FMES; and Advisor, Care Project, Oxfam International, Mumbai, MH, India

Introduction to FMES and FMES-IJME Ethics Awards by **Amar Jesani**, Independent Researcher and Teacher (Bioethics, Public Health), Editor IJME; Mumbai, Visiting Faculty: Yenepoya (Deemed-To-Be) University, Mangalore, KA, India

Introduction to IJME by **Sandhya Srinivasan**, Consulting Editor, IJME; Mumbai, MH, India

Introduction to BALM by **Mrinalini Ravi**, Co-lead Sundaram Fasteners Centre for Social Action and Research at The Banyan Academy; Deputy Director, Partnerships, BALM, Chennai, TN, India

FMES-IJME Ethics Awards Selection Committee | Nominations and screening process (7 mins)

Deepa Pawar, Founder Director, Anubhuti Charitable Trust, Thane, MH, India

Ufra Mir, Founding Exec Director, Peace-psychologist; Paigam & International Center for Peace-psychology, Kashmir

Harsh Mander, Chairperson, Centre for Equity Studies, New Delhi, India

Award Presentation and Speeches by Awardees of the FMES-IJME Ethics Awards 2022-23 (35 mins)

Olinda Timms, Adjunct Faculty, Department of Health and Humanities, St. Johns Research Institute, Bangalore, KA, India (**Citation reading, 1 min**)

Aryan Somaiya, Guftagu Counselling and Psychotherapy Services, Navi Mumbai, MH, India (**Acceptance speech, up to 10 mins**)

Meesakshi D'Cruz, Sr Associate, IJME; and former Editorial Coordinator, IJME, Mumbai, MH, India (**Citation reading, 1 min**)

Sumitra Gagral and Sachin Barbde, (Community Lead), Community Mental Health Initiative, Ekjut, New Delhi, India (**Acceptance speech, up to 10 mins**)

Georgilaria Fernandes, Editorial Coordinators and Consultants, IJME; Mumbai, MH, India (**Citation reading, 1 min**)

Sudarshan Kottai, Dept. of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Palakkad, IL, India (**Acceptance speech, up to 10 mins**)

Floor open for awardees and audience (5-7 mins) steered by Amita Pitre

Closing Remarks and Vote of Thanks (7 mins) by Amar Jesani

Forum for Medical Ethics Society



Registration link for the e-ceremony:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/5ZHrO-qrguHdQzMVRfPoHfM8x9gp1Wfmsl>

Heartiest congratulations to the winners!



Newsletter Spotlight 2

The death by suicide of Darshan Solanki, a Dalit student of IIT Bombay



Photo Credit: Vijay Soneji, *The Hindu*

“In February, the death by suicide of Darshan Solanki, a Dalit student of IIT Bombay, reignited a debate about the treatment of students from marginalised communities in India’s educational institutions. In Solanki’s case, details are [continuing to emerge](#) about what led to his death. But the problem is a larger one – in December 2021, the education minister [stated](#) in parliament that 122 students in Central government higher educational institutions had died by suicide between 2014 and 2021, and that 68 of these students were from Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe and Other Backward Class communities.” — [scroll.in](#)

We bring to you select pieces from the popular press and academic spaces discussing this issue.

[IIT-Bombay Suicide Case: Student Named By Darshan Solanki In Suicide Note Arrested](#) | Outlook | May 29, 2023

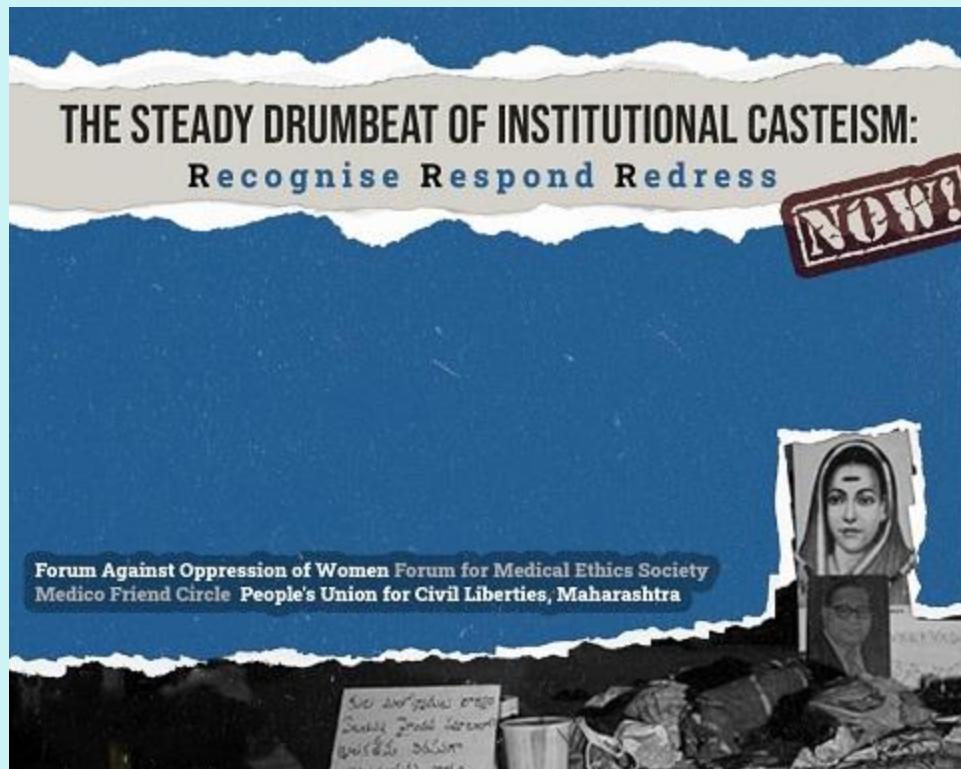
[An Adivasi scholar’s death and the myth of casteless Bengal](#) | Nolina Minj | Scroll.in | May 17, 2023

[IIT Bombay student suicide case | SIT not probing caste discrimination, pinning blame on one student: Family](#) | The Indian Express | May 13, 2023

[Two months after Dalit student Darshan Solanki was found dead at IIT-Bombay, police arrest his batchmate](#) | The Hindu | April 9, 2023

[Caste In Campus: From Rohith Vemula To Darshan Solanki, Caste Discrimination Linked To Student Suicides](#) | Madhur Sharma | Outlook | March 21, 2023

FMES:



The death by suicide of Dr Payal Tadvi, a second-year postgraduate in Gynaecology and Obstetrics and a resident doctor at the BYL Nair Hospital, on May 22, 2019, accentuated the issue of discrimination and harassment of those from the marginalised communities in the Medical Education Institutions.

The Forum for Medical Ethics Society (FMES) along with the Forum Against Oppression Against Women, Medico Friend Circle, and Peoples' Union of Civil Liberties, Maharashtra have brought out a detailed enquiry report titled '[THE STEADY DRUMBEAT OF INSTITUTIONAL CASTEISM: Recognise Respond Redress, Now](#)' on this issue, which was released virtually on September 28, 2021. The video recording of the report release meeting is available on [YouTube](#) and this is the link to the [press-coverage of this report](#).

Discussion in IJME:

[Workplace bullying in healthcare facilities: Role of caste and reservation](#) | Mrinal Prakash Barua, Anita Verma

[Caste-washing the healthcare system will do little to address its discriminatory practices](#) | Sylvia Karpagam

[The medical profession must urgently act on caste-based discrimination and harassment in their midst](#) | Kiran Kumbhar

[Institutions should take responsibility for student suicides](#) | Neha Madhiwalla

Online First from *IJME*

Anamika, F., Goel, A., Aggarwal, A., Gupta, R. (2023). [The increasing presence of the internet in the lives of patients and doctors: threat or opportunity?](#). *Indian Journal of Medical Ethics*, May 26, 2023

Babu, T. (2023). [Are doctors allowed to cry at work?](#). *Indian Journal of Medical Ethics*, June 2, 2023

GR, Raamesh (2023). [The word soup handicap: Why finding the right way to address people like me is tough.](#) *Indian Journal of Medical Ethics*, May 17, 2023

Prabhu, G. (2023). [Living and narrating disabilities.](#) *Indian Journal of Medical Ethics*, May 24, 2023

Stanikzai, M. (2023). [Need for rapid scaling-up of medical education in Afghanistan: Challenges and recommendations.](#) *Indian Journal of Medical Ethics*, May 11, 2023

Announcement from the local and global peer community

Forthcoming conferences and webinar

[Gender Guidance Clinics of Tamil Nadu, India](#) | The SHAPES LGBTQI+ Conversation Group | June 13, 2023 | 12:30 -1:30 pm (IST) | Meeting ID: 910 0464 7288 | Passcode: 764037

[Exploring Moral Resilience and Ethical Practice Across Cultures](#) | Meetup Brocher | June 12, 2023 | 4 pm Gva time – 10 am US Eastern time -3 pm London time

[Inclusive Newsrooms LGBTQIA+ Media Sensitivity Training in Bengaluru](#) | Location: Bengaluru | June 9, 2023 | 9.30 am to 6 pm

Concluded conferences and webinar

[Moral Frameworks and Collective Action in Epidemics](#) | Epidemic Ethics | Diane le Corvec, Rachel James, Anant Bhan, Dr Diego Silva | The Global Health Network

[Funding Open Access after the Transformation](#) | Open Access Scholarly Publishing Association

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

Academic and popular press

[Anatomy of a murder](#) | Sanjay Nagral | Hindustan Times | May 22, 2023

Reports and Guidelines



ENDING GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE
AND ACHIEVING THE
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



A NEW APPROACH TO ENDING GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE: LESSONS ON INTEGRATING PREVENTION AND RESPONSES IN FOUR UNDP SECTORAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS



[A new approach to ending gender-based violence: Lessons on integrating prevention and responses in four UNDP sectoral development projects](#) | UNDP

Call for Papers

[Coercing for Public Health: \(When\) is coercion ethically justified?](#) | Monash Bioethics Review, Springer | Deadline for manuscript submissions: October 15, 2023

Call for Applications

[Fogarty African Bioethics Post-Doctoral Fellowship Program](#) | Johns Hopkins University:
Academic Centers: Berman Institute of Bioethics | Deadline: June 30, 2023 at 11:59 PM ET



[Dr. Shirdi Prasad Tekur Memorial Environmental Health Fellowship](#) | Environment Support Group | Deadline: June 05, 2023

Vacancy

[Cambridge JRF in Law, Medicine and Life Sciences](#) | Deadline: June 16, 2023

Video / Podcast

[The Sexual Violence Research Podcast](#) | Sexual Violence Research Initiative

[FAQs – Kamla Bhasin Award for Driving Gender Equality Across South Asia](#) | Azad Foundation

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