

# 8<sup>TH</sup> National Bioethics Conference Program

Pre-conference satellite meetings: between November 15, and December 15, 2020

DAY TWO | SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2020 | 1430-1900 Hours  
THEME: CLINICAL ETHICS AND HEALTHCARE IN THE PANDEMIC

Time	Program details
	Day 2   8 <sup>th</sup> NBC Session 3   Plenary 2   CLINICAL ETHICS IN PANDEMICS
1430-1515 (45 minutes)	<p><b>Co-Chair 1:</b> <a href="#">Dr Olinda Timms</a>, Working Editor, <i>Indian Journal of Medical Ethics</i>; Adjunct Associate Professor at the Department of Health and Humanities at St. John's Research Institute, Bangalore, KA</p> <p><b>Co-Chair 2:</b> <a href="#">Dr Ravi Vaswani</a>, Professor, Yenepoya Medical College, Mangalore, KA</p>
1515-1610 [60 mins]	<p>Presentation of proceedings of the Day 1 by <a href="#">Dr Jagriti Gangopadhaya</a>, Member, 8<sup>th</sup> NBC, Rapporteurs Committee</p> <p>Introduction to speakers</p> <p>Special Talk: <a href="#">Dr C S Pramesh</a>, Director, Tata Memorial Centre, Mumbai [Obligations of health care institutions: providing essential services to non COVID patients]</p> <p>Keynote address 1: <a href="#">Dr Pavitra Mohan</a>, Co-founder and Secretary, Basic Healthcare Services &amp; Director, Health Services, Aajeevika Bureau, Udaipur. [Ethics of managing syndemics in a high-migration, tribal community]</p> <p>Keynote address 2: <a href="#">Dr M Prakasamma</a>, Executive Director, Academy for Nursing Studies and Women's Empowerment Research Studies (ANSWERS), Hyderabad. [Nursing practice during the pandemic: Ethical obligations, Practical Challenges, and Structural Barriers]</p> <p>Discussion Closing remarks by Co-Chairs</p>
SWITCH TO THE DAY 2   8 <sup>TH</sup> NBC SESSION 4	
1610-1745 [45 mins]	Day 2   8 <sup>th</sup> NBC Session 4   COVID in the ICU: Dilemmas & Challenges
1610-1745 (45 minutes)	<p>Moderator and Curator: <a href="#">Dr Shivakumar Iyer</a>, Professor, Critical Care Medicine, Bharati Vidyapeeth Deemed University, Pune, MH, India</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capacity of the public healthcare system: Has the horse bolted?</li> <li>• Strict isolation of COVID patients from families: Necessity of overkill?</li> <li>• Costly experimental drugs &amp; interventions for the critically ill: Need for explicit consent?</li> <li>• Transferring costs of healthcare workers' protection to patients: Necessity or commerce?</li> <li>• Triage ICU beds based on prognosis and end of life care protocols: Is COVID a wake up call?</li> <li>• Right to healthcare workers to protection vs right of patients to treatment: Achieving a balance?</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Dr R K Mani</a> CEO, Intensiist, Batra Hospital Delhi, Past President, ISCCM</p> <p><a href="#">Dr Navin Salins</a> Prof. and HOD, Palliative care medicine, Kasturba Medical College, Manipal, Editor, Indian Journal of Palliative care</p> <p><a href="#">Dr Archana Patil</a> Director General of Health Services, Government of Maharashtra</p> <p><a href="#">Dr Shruti Tandan</a> Pardasani Intensivist, Jaslok Hospital &amp; Research Centre, Mumbai</p> <p><a href="#">Inayat Kakar</a> Campaign for Dignified &amp; Affordable Care</p> <p><a href="#">Dr Anant Bhan</a> Bioethicist, Past president, International Association of Bioethics</p> <p><a href="#">Dr Swati Rane</a> CEO, SevaShakti Healthcare, Consultancy, Vice President, Clinical Nursing Research Society</p>
SWITCH TO THE DAY 2   8 <sup>TH</sup> NBC SESSION 5	
1745-1915: (60 mins)	Day 2   8 <sup>th</sup> NBC Session 5   EAR TO THE GROUND: CENTERSTAGING VOICES FROM THE MARGINS IN THE PANDEMIC

1745-1915 (60 Minutes)

- What are the specific vulnerabilities of these constituencies in general even prior to COVID-19 times?
- Why and how has it intensified their already existing crisis? Has COVID-19 hit them directly? How has it affected their lives and livelihoods?
- What has been the state's role in safeguarding safety and existence of vulnerable constituencies? What could have been done differently by the State?
- How have these constituencies sustained during Covid-19 times despite all the odds?
- 'Leave no one behind' is the center-piece of SDGs by 2030 Agenda. How has the COVID-19 impacted this goal in relation to some of the most marginalized constituencies?

**Chair 1:** [Dr Sulakashana Nandi](#), National Co-convenor, Jan Swasthya Abhiyan

**Chair 2:** [Dr Shamim Modi](#), Member, Managing Committee, FMES; Founding member, Shramik Adivasi Sanghatana Chair, Center for Law and Society, School of Law, Rights and Constitutional Governance, TISS, Mumbai

[Dr Tejaswi Sevekari](#), Founder and Director, Saheli Sangh, Pune [**Existential crisis faced by sex workers: Navigating through COVID-19 times**]

[Dr Aqsa Shaikh](#), Assistant Professor, Dept of Community Medicine, Hamdard Institute of Medical Sciences and Research, Jamia Hamdard, Delhi [**Rising up to the challenges of the pandemic: Perspectives from Transgender community**]

[Shri Gangaram Paikra](#), National Convener Right To Food Campaign, Surguja, Chhattisgarh. [**Adivasi communities in pandemic times: Further marginalization of those at margins**]

[Arundhati Dhuru](#), Convenor, National Alliance of People's Movements (NAPM), Uttar Pradesh. [**Increased domestic violence during COVID-19 pandemic: Interplay of adversities of the pandemic and caste, class and religion**]

**Discussion**

**Closing remarks and vote of thanks by Chairs**

**END OF THE DAY 2**