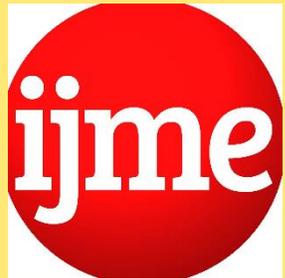


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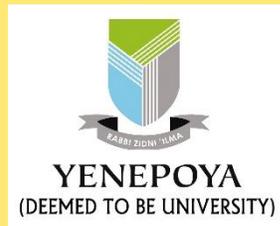
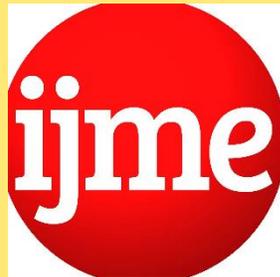


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Session 1: Inaugural Address



- **Theme:** Crisis of compromised ethics and human rights in Public Health Emergency/Access, Rights and Justice in Public Health Emergency
- **Speaker:** Dr Gagandeep Kang (Leading Virologist)
- **Topic:** Ten Months Of The Pandemic: The Scientific And Humanitarian Challenges
- **Main Points:** Comparison between 1918 influenza pandemic and the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic
- **Scientific Challenges:** Need for appropriate data and development of new drugs and not just the vaccine
- **Humanitarian challenges:** Consequences of the lockdown
- Science and trust need to work together for future pandemics

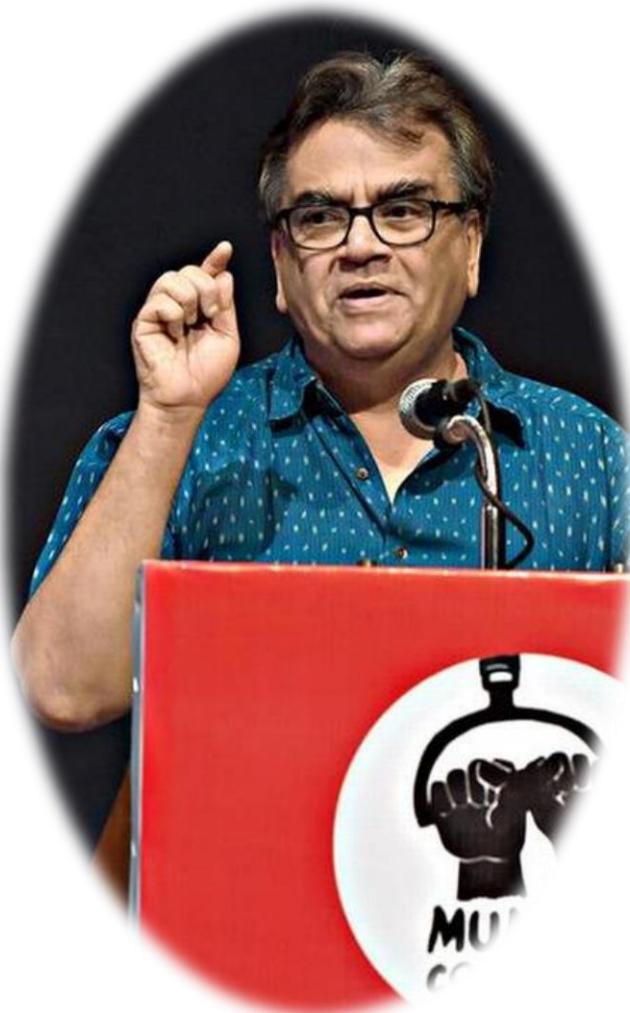


Session 1: Keynote Address 1



- **Speaker:** Dr Sundar Sarukkai
- **Topic:** The moral crisis of public health
- The talk provided a broad overview on the moral and ethical challenges in dealing with the concept of public health during the Covid-19 pandemic with a special focus on the nature of the term “public” in “public health itself.
- Public Health is political by nature and “questions of morality and ethics in public health are not a set of epistemological claims but are political processes.”
- A stronger ecosystem needs to be built only when there is empathetic citizenship within it.

Session 1: Keynote Address 2



- **Speaker 2:** Adv. Mihir Desai
- **Topic:** Human rights and social justice in a pandemic
- Tension generated between civil liberties and the Human Rights of Indians during the pandemic
- Provided a brief overview regarding the laws and Acts that are in use during a crisis
- A person's civil rights are curtailed the government must make sure that his Human Rights are not affected

Session 2: Panel Discussion



- **Theme:** A defining feature of Covid-19 in India has been the hurdles faced by ordinary citizens in accessing care.
- **Moderator:** Dr. Sanjay Nagral



- **Panelists:** Dr Sandeep Budhiraj, Dr Bhavin Jhankaria, Malini Aisola, Rajiv Nath, Sucheta Dalal, Adv Talha Abdul Rahman

Issues and Questions discussed:

- Decision to cap prices on N95 masks, PPE in health care
- Should the cost of protection of healthcare workers be borne by the patient?
- Regulation of private sector in healthcare
- Who are the gatekeepers of the medical profession?

