Forum for Medical Ethics Society Public Debate

Healing and dying with dignity: Debating end-of-life care

A lot of public debate on euthanasia was sparked off by the 42-year-long struggle of the nurse Aruna Shanbaug, who was in a persistent vegetative state after being brutally assaulted at herwork place. The issue is complex due to the wide ranging opinions and the scoioeconomic, religious & spiritual dimensions of the matter at hand. With the extremely inequitable distribution of health care facilities acrossthe country, and with no assured access to palliative care a large number of patients and theirfamilies are left in tremendous distress in such situations. On the other hand there is an ongoing public campaign to promote organ donation after brain death. The Govt of India has recently put out a draft bill on passive euthanasia seeking comments from the public. In its current form the bill is simplistic & is silent on many critical areas. Therefore, there is an urgency of conversation both in academia and in the publicdomain from a multidisciplinary perspective.

Please join the debate

Introduction:

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Venue: Library Conference hall, 6th Floor, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Main Campus

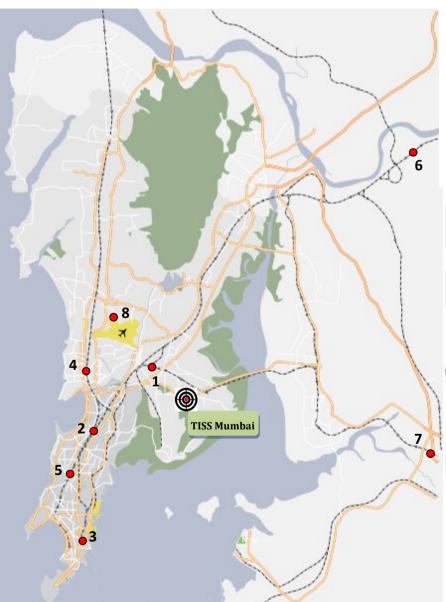
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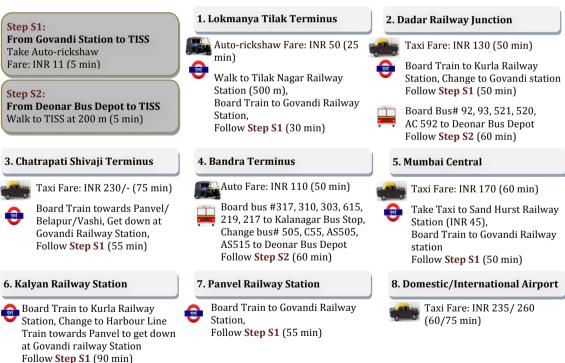
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