8ᵀᴴ National Bioethics Conference Program

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

DAY ONE | SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2020 | 1430-1900 Hours
ACCESS , RIGHTS & JUSTICE IN A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

Time	Program details
	Day 1| 8th NBC Session 1| Inaugural Plenary
1430-1515 (45 minutes) **1515-1615** **[60 mins]**	**Co-Chair 1: Dr Vina Vasvani,** Director, **Centre for Ethics, YU** **Co-Chair 2: Dr Sunita Sheel Bandewar,** General Secretary, Director, **FMES** **Welcome note by organizers,** **Introduction to Organisers and the NBC platform, and** **Introduction to speakers** **Inaugural address: Dr Gagandeep Kang,** Professor, The Wellcome Trust Research Laboratory, Division of Gastrointestinal Sciences, Christian Medical College, Vellore, TN, India **[Ten months of the pandemic: The scientific and humanitarian challenges]** **Keynote address 1: Dr Sundar Sarukkai,** Founder of the Barefoot Philosophers**,** Bangalore **[The Moral crisis of public health]** **Keynote address 2: Adv Mihir Desai,** Senior Counsel and Human Rights Lawyer, Mumbai, **[Human rights and social justice in a pandemic]** **Discussion** **Closing remarks** by Co-Chairs
1630-1800	**Day 1	8th NBC Session 2 |** **ACCESS TO CARE IN COVID: SHIFTING THE RULES OF THE GAME?**
	A defining feature of Covid-19 in India has been the hurdles faced by ordinary citizens in accessing care. The panel will engage with the following issues • Do citizens have a right to affordable care in a public health crisis? • Given the limited capacity & acceptance of the public sector & the dominance of private medicine what are the mechanisms to ensure access given the cost barrier? • Does the state have a right to safeguard access by curbing costs? How far can it go? • Are price caps sustainable for the healthcare industry? Are constitutional rights involved in cost curbs but also in denial of care on cost grounds? • Is there common ground between citizens, the state & the healthcare industry • to collectively face an unprecedented & existential crisis? How is this realised? **Moderators:** **Dr Sanjay Nagral,** Surgeon, Chairperson, **FMES** **Panelists:** **Dr Sandeep Budhiraja,** Group Medical Director, **Max Healthcare & Senior Director – Institute of Internal Medicine, Max Super Speciality Hospital, Saket,** **Dr Bhavin Jhankaria,** Radiologist, Past President – **Indian Radiology & Imaging Association** **Malini Aisola,** All India Drug Action Network & Campaign for Dignified & Affordable Healthcare, and Dignified Care **Rajiv Nath,** Forum Coordinator, **Association of Indian Medical Device Industry (AiMeD)** **Dr S Prakash,** MS, FRCS(Glasg), FAIS Managing Director **STAR HEALTH INSURANCE - INDIA** **Sucheta Dalal,** Business Journalist, Trustee, **Moneylife Foundation, Author 'The Scam'** **Adv Talha Abdul Rahman,** Advocate on record, **Supreme Court** **Dr Vipul Aggarwal,** Dy CEO, **National Health Authority, Ayushman Bharat PMJAY**