### Day 3 | 8th NBC Session 6 | Plenary 3 | Research Ethics in the COVID Pandemic

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- **Co-Chair 1:** Dr Bhushan Patwardhan, Vice-Chairperson, University Grants Commission, New Delhi
- **Co-Chair 2:** Dr Anita Pirre, Member, Managing Committee, FMES; Founding Trustee, Vidhyak Trust; Lead Specialist, Gender Justice, Oxfam India

**Presentation of proceedings of the Day 3 by member of Rapporteurs committee**

**Introduction to speakers**

**Special Talk:** Dr S P Kalantri, Director Professor of Medicine at Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences, Wardha, and Medical Superintendent of Kasturba Hospital, Wardha, [Politics of science in a pandemic: Impact on evidence-based medicine]

**Keynote address 1:** Prof Laisram Lada Singh, Vice Chancellor, Bodoland University, Kokrajhar, Assam [Ethics of epidemiological modelling research]

**Keynote address 2:** Dr Cat Chatfield, Quality Improvement Editor, BMJ and Member, Steering Committee for the International Forum in Quality and Safety in Healthcare [Scientific integrity and publication ethics in pandemics]

**Discussion and Closing remarks by Co-Chairs**

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In the face of COVID-19, many stakeholders have been gathering data and conducting research to inform more robust responses to the pandemic. This has uncovered new challenges and conversations around ethical research methods, researcher responsibilities as well as addressing respondent distress.

In this panel, we will bring together perspectives across social science and clinical research, to share the vantage point of researchers who are actively collecting and using data around COVID-19 as well as the perspectives of IRB/Ethics Committee members who are attempting to adapt and guide researchers around ethical research practices.

**Moderators:** Suneeta Krishnan, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation  
Priya Nanda, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

**Speakers:**

- Dr Mala Ramanathan, Professor, Achutha Menon Centre for Health Science Studies, Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology (SCTIMST)
- Dr Prabha Chandra, Professor, National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences, Bangalore (NIMHANS)
- Dr Sanjida Arora, Member Secretary-IEC, Centre for Enquiry into Health and Allied Themes (CEHAT)
- Dr Karima Khalil, Maternal and Child Health Consultant, Oxford Policy Management Limited

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Chair 1: Dr Amar Jesani, Editor-in-chief, IJME
Chair 2: Adv Veena Johari, Working Editor, IJME

Dr Nandini Kumar, Former Deputy Director General Senior Grade, Indian Council of Medical Research [ICMR’s COVID-19 Guidelines and fast-tracked approvals for drugs and other interventions]

Dr Arun Bhatt, Consultant – Clinical Research & Drug Development [Scientific and Ethical Issues in COVID-19 clinical trials]

Siddhartha Das, Postdoctoral Researcher, Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium [Mishaps in drug regulatory processes: Insights into drugs approved by DCGI for COVID-19 treatment]

Discussion and closing remarks by Chairs

END OF THE DAY 3