### Theme: Healthcare Humanities

#### Day 4 | 8th NBC Session 9 | Plenary 4 | Mental Health, Healthcare Humanities and Pandemics

**Time:** 14:30 - 15:15 (45 minutes)

**Chair:** Dr. K.V. Kishore Kumar, Director, The Banyan and The Banyan Academy of Leadership in Mental Health, Kovalam, Chennai, India

**Introduction to speakers**

**Special Talk:** Prof Dr Sunita Simon, Department of Psychiatry and Head, Department of Medical Ethics, St John’s Medical College Hospital, Bangalore, India [Ethical mental healthcare in the pandemic]

**Discussion**

**Closing remarks by Chairs**

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### Switch to the Day 4 | 8th NBC Session 10

#### Day 4 | 8th NBC Session 10 | Health Care Humanities and COVID-19

**Time:** 15:15 - 16:45 (90 minutes)

- The panel is intended to highlight efforts of the medical community to develop various forms of creative and inclusive approaches to aid patients, providers, caregivers, marginalized communities, individuals with disability and students, to cope with the pandemic.
- It will locate existing health disparities in India and reflect on some of the innovative disability-inclusive approach adopted by different countries.
- It will demonstrate how the Humanities Division at St John's worked with students to understand distresses of the pandemic.
- Finally, it will elaborate how providers, patients, and caregivers used poetry and creative writing to navigate through challenges posed by the pandemic.

**Chair 1:** Dr Lopa Mehta, Advisor, Dr Manu V. L. Kothari Chair of Medical Humanities, Seth GS Medical College & KEM Hospital, Mumbai

**Chair 2:** Dr Jagriti Gangopadhyay, Assistant Professor, Manipal Centre for Humanities, Manipal, Karnataka, India

Dr Satendra Singh, Associate Professor, Dept of Physiology, and Founding Member, Health Humanities Group, University College of Medical Sciences, Delhi, India [Recover better: Building towards inclusive & resilient post-COVID world]

Dr Manjulika Vaz, Health and Humanities, St John’s Research Institute, Koramangala, Bengaluru, India [Perspectives of the Pandemic from Medical Students: empathy, frustration and helplessness]

Dr Upreet Dhaliwal, Former Professor, University College of Medical Sciences, Delhi, India; and Editor in Chief, RHiME [Deconstructing the pandemic through poetry: fear, fortitude and fury]

**Discussion**

**Closing remarks by Chairs**

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### Switch to the Day 4 | 8th NBC Session 11

#### Day 4 | 8th NBC Session 11 | Ethical Challenges for the Media Reporting on the Pandemic

**Time:** 16:45 - 18:00 (75 minutes)

**Ethical challenges for the media reporting on the pandemic**

- Reporting responsibly against a deadline
- When did the media get it wrong, and why?
- The war metaphor and covid-19
- Giving people a voice without putting reporters at risk
- Conflicts of interest in covid-19 reporting

**Moderators:** Sandhya Srinivasan, Consulting Editor, Indian Journal of Medical Ethics

Padma Priya, Co-founder and editor of Suno India

**Panelists:**

Kavitha Iyer, Freelance journalist, Mumbai

Rema Nagarajan, Editor-Research, The Times of India, Delhi.

Saradha, Principal Correspondent, TV 18, Tamil Nadu

Tabassum Barnagarwalla, Senior Correspondent, The Indian Express Newspaper, Mumbai

**Discussion**

**Closing remarks by Moderator**

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### Switch to the Day 4 | 8th NBC Session 12
**Valedictory**

**1800-1930 (90 minutes)**

- **Chair 1:** [Dr K Sujatha Rao](#), Former Secretary, Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India

- **Chair 2:** [Prof Vivekanand Jha](#), President, International Society of Nephrology; and Executive Director, The George Institute for Global Health, India

Conference reporting by Rapporteurs Committee

**Valedictory Address 1:** [Prof Jayaprakash Muliyil](#), Chair, Scientific Advisory Committee, National Institute of Epidemiology and Former Principal, Christian Medical College, Vellore [Learnings from the COVID-19 pandemic]

**Valedictory address 2:** [P Sainath](#), Journalist and Magsaysay Awardee [Is there a vaccine for inequity?]

Closing remarks Chairs
Closing remarks Vote of thanks by the 8th NBC Organisers

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