11th National Bioethics Conference

The Scientific Program: Plenaries, plenary thematics, keynote thematics, keynote speakers, and preconference workshops

Pre-conference workshops on Wednesday and Thursday, January 20 and 21, 2027	
Pre-conference workshops and satellite meetings | Wednesday, January 20 1. **Clinical ethics to clinical governance: Towards creating people-centered healthcare services** by Shilpa Acharya, Vishwanath Patil, Bharati Vidyapeeth Deemed to be University Medical College (BVDUMC), Katraj, Pune, MH | Duration: One day 2. **Clinical Ethics in ICU Palliative Care: Navigating Goals of Care, Decision-Making, and End-of-Life Care in India** by Naveen Salins and Arunangshu Ghoshal, ICMR Centre for Advanced Research, Kasturba Medical College, Manipal, Manipal Academy of Medical Education, Manipal, Bengaluru, KA; and Shivakumar Iyer, BVDUMC | Duration: One day	
Pre-conference workshops and satellite meetings | Thursday, January 21 3. **Access to medicine, patent related theme** by Third World Network, Gopakumar K M and colleagues 4. **AETCOM workshop for trainers** by Sunita Simon, St John's Medical College, Bengaluru, KA, and Shubhada Aphale and colleagues, BVDUMC | Duration: One day 5. **Black, White and Grey: Clinical Ethics and the Law in India** by Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy 6. **Care for All or Care for Profit? The Ethical Obligation of Affordable Quality Healthcare in an Era of Privatization and Corporatization** by Pavitra Mohan, and Colleagues, Equitable Healthcare Access Consortium (EHAC), Hyderabad, AP 7. **From Ethics Dilemmas to Action: A Clinical Case Deliberation Workshop for Healthcare Practice** by Ravi Vasvani, Vina Vasvani, Uma Kulkarni, and Akuma Ifeanyichukwu, Centre for Ethics, Yenepoya (Deemed to be University), Mangalore, KA | Duration: Half day | between 09:00 and 13:00 hrs 8. **Pediatric Clinical Ethics** by Jagdish Chinnappa, Manipal Hospital, HAL Airport Road, Bengaluru and Nandini Malshe, Bhakti Sarangi, Rahul Jahagirdar, BVDUMC | Duration: One day 9. **Reimagining the Social Contract between Doctors and Society: Reviewing Evidence, Critical Self-Reflection, and Charting a Way Forward** by Sumit Kane, Faculty of Medicine, University of Melbourne; Centre for Health Policy and Systems, Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune, MH. Workshop faculty: Sumit Kane, Mayuri Samant, Sayak Dutta; Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune | Duration: Half day 10. **When There Are No Easy Answers: Ethics in Organ Donation & Transplantation** by Sunil Shroff, Lalita Raghuraman, MOHAN Foundation, Chennai, TN | Duration: One day	
Note: Other pre-conferences are being firmed up. Please keep checking NBC website (https://nbc-india.org/) for more details.	
Main Conference | Day 1 | Friday, January 22, 2027	
8:00 am onwards	**Registration & Breakfast**
9:00 – 10:00 hrs	**INAUGURAL AND FELICITATION** 1. Opening of the Conference 2. Welcome 3. Introduction to the conference co-organisers 4. Introduction to the NBC platform and to the main theme of the 11th NBC 5. Felicitation a. **Nandini Kumar**, former Deputy Director General, Indian Council of Medical Research, New Delhi b. **S P Kalantri**, Emeritus Professor, Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences, Sevagram; Former Director-Professor of Medicine, Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences, Sevagram 6. Citation reading: Meenakshi D'Cruz and Georgiaria Fernandes, Indian Journal of Medical Ethics (IJME) 7. Acceptance speeches by a. Nandini Kumar and b. S P Kalantri 8. Concluding remarks by co-chairs – Amar Jesani
10:00 – 11:30 hrs	**PLENARY I: Relevance of clinical ethics: An Indian Perspective** • Co-chairperson Opening remarks and intro to speakers Co-Chair 1| Arjun L Kakrani, Professor, D Y Patil Medical College, Pune Co-Chair 2| Olinda Timms, Working Editor, IJME • **Keynote Address 1 (15 min)** Theme | Semantics and Substance: Why Clinical ethics continues to matter in medical practice by **Sunil Chandy,** Professor of Cardiology, former Director at Christian Medical college (CMC), Vellore • **Keynote Address 2 (15 min)** Theme | Clinical Ethics in India: Hiding in plain sight **by Sanjay Nagral,** Chairperson, Forum for Medical Ethics Society (FMES), Director, Surgical Gastroenterology, Jaslok Hospital & Research Centre, Mumbai • **Keynote Address 3 (15 min)** Theme | Trust: Strengthening the bond in clinical care **by Shaibya Saldanha,** Consultant Obstetrician & Gynecologist, Bangalore, Former Asso Prof, St. John's Medical College, Co-Founder, Enfold Proactive Health Trust • **Audience Engagement- Q/A (45 min)**
11:30 – 11:45 hrs	**Tea break**
11:45 – 13:15 hrs	**PARALLEL SESSIONS** Paper presentations, Symposia, Workshops, Round Tables
13:15 – 14:15 hrs	**Lunch**
14:15 – 15:45 hrs	**PARALLEL SESSIONS** Paper presentations, Symposia, Workshops, Round Tables
15:45 – 16:00 hrs	**Tea break**
16:00 – 17:30 hrs	**PLENARY II- Vulnerability and healthcare ethics (stakeholder perspectives)** A Panel discussion **(Moderators: Shivakumar Iyer and Satendra Singh)** **Care Receiver:** 1. **Rituparna Bora**, LGBTQ NGO Nazariya 2. **Amrit Bakshi**, primary caregiver for person with schizophrenia, has also written a book on schizophrenia highlighting mental health caregiver perspectives 3. **Vanita Mane**, Peer Leader and Board Member of Saheli Sangh, Pune, MH

	4. **Renuka Newaskar**, Student of MSc Environmental Science at Fergusson College, Pune, Disability Rights Advocate for Multiple Sclerosis **Care Providers:** 1. **Sharad Philip,** Psychiatrist from AIIMS Guwahati, Assam 2. **Monica Rita Hendricks,** Assistant Professor, St John's Nursing College, Bengaluru, KA 3. **Sanjay Dabhade,** Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmacology, D Y Patil Medical College, Pune, MH 4. **Pratibha Kulkarni,** Senior Consultant Obstetrician & Gynaecologist, Deenanath Mangeshkar Hospital, Pune, MH
Day 2 | Saturday, January 23, 2027	
8:30 - 9.00 hrs	**Breakfast**
9:00 – 10:30 hrs	**PLENARY III:** People centered clinical practice: Role of humanities, ethics committees and law • Co-chairperson | Opening remarks and intro to speakers Co-chair 1 | Avinash Supe, Consultant GI Surgeon at Zen Hospital Chembur Co-chair 2 | Bhushan Patwardhan, Professor at the Interdisciplinary School of Health Sciences, SPPU, and the Chancellor of Deccan College Postgraduate and Research Institute Co-chair 3 | Veena Johari, Working Editor, IJME; Proprietor, Courtyard Attorneys (Public interest and healthcare law consultancy) • **Keynote Address 1 (15 min)** Theme | Strengthening humanities in healthcare: The need of the hour by **Kavery Nabisan**, Adjunct Faculty, Division of Health and Humanities, St. John's Research Institute (SJRI), Alumna, St. John's Medical College • **Keynote Address 2 (15 min)** Theme | Clinical ethics Committees — How can we get them right? by **Priya Pais,** Professor and Head, Department of Pediatric Nephrology, St John's National Academy of Health Sciences • **Keynote Address 3 (15 min)** Theme | Does law help or hinder person centric health care? by **Dhvani Mehta,** Co-Founder and Lead, Health and Medical Law, Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy, New Delhi • **Audience Engagement- Q/A (45 min)**
10:30 – 11:00 hrs	**Tea break**
11:00 – 12:30 hrs	**PARALLEL SESSIONS** Paper presentations, Symposia, Workshops, Round Tables
12:30 – 13:30 hrs	**Lunch**
13:30 – 15:00 hrs	**PARALLEL SESSIONS** Paper presentations, Symposia, Workshops, Round Tables
15:00 – 15:30 hrs	**Tea break**
15:30 – 17:00 hrs	**PLENARY IV:** Education of health care professionals: Strengthening ethical health care • Co-chairperson | Opening remarks and intro to speakers Co-chair 1| Payal Bansal, Chair Professor of Medical Education at the Maharashtra University of Health Sciences (MUHS), Nashik Co-chair 2| Vivek Saoji, Vice Chancellor Bharati Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University Co-chair 3| Mala Ramanathan, retired as Senior Professor at the Achutha Menon Centre for Health Science Studies, SCTIMST, Thiruvananthapuram • **Keynote Address 1 (15 min)** Theme | Health Professional Education in India: From policy to practice by **Anand Zachariah**, Professor and Head of the Department of Medicine, CMC, Vellore • **Keynote Address 2 (15 min)** Theme | Clinical ethics in classroom teachings: Tickbox or transformative? by **Sunita Simon,** Professor & Head, Department of Psychiatry, Head of department of Medical Ethics, St. John's Medical College, Bengaluru • **Keynote Address 3 (15 min)** Theme | Beyond AETCOM: Strengthening health humanities by **Upreet Dhaliwal,** Former Director-Professor of Ophthalmology, Co-founder, Health Humanities Group, University College of Medical Sciences, Delhi • **Audience Engagement- Q/A (45 min)**
Day 3 | Sunday, January 24, 2027	
08:30 - 09: 00 hrs	**Breakfast**
09:00 – 10:30 hrs	**Parallel Track**
10:30 – 11:00 hrs	**Tea Break**
11:00 - 13:00 hrs **11:00 - 11:20 hrs** **11:20 - 11:45 hrs** **11:45 - 12:10 hrs** **12:10 - 12:35 hrs** **12:35 - 12:50 hrs** **12:50 - 13:00 hrs**	**PLENARY V: Valedictory** Co-chair 1| Roli Mathur, Head, Indian Council of Medical Research, Bioethics Unit and Scientific Advisor to the National Ethics Committee Registry (Naitik Portal) Co-chair 2| Sanjay A Pai, IJME, Surgical pathologist and Head of pathology, Manipal Hospital-Yeshwanthpur, Bengaluru • **Opening remarks by co-chairs** • **Reporting of the conference proceeding by the rapporteurs** • **Valedictory Address 1** | Restoring Trust: Response of health systems and professional mandates by **Pavitra Mohan,** Basic Health Care Services, Udaipur, Rajasthan • **Valedictory Address 2** | Moving the mountain: Towards people-centred care and research in India by **Anurag Bhargava,** Professor, Department of Medicine, Kasturba Medical College, Mangalore; Adjunct Professor at the Department of Medicine, McGill University and at MED-TRIC, IIT Bombay • **Audience engagement and closing remarks by Co-chairs** • **Vote of thanks and closing of the 11th NBC and closing the conference**
13:00 – 14:00 hrs	**Lunch**
Conference concludes	