

World Bioethics Day 2024 Celebration Report Karpaga Vinayag Institute of Medical Sciences and Research Centre

The World Bioethics Day 2024 was celebrated on 19/10/2024 by the Bioethics Unit in the CME hall of the lecture complex at KIMSRC. The various members of the Bioethics unit which includes faculties, post – graduates and students wing took active part in it. The audience comprised of the students belonging to Part – I of MBBS. The session began at 9:00am.



The event began with welcoming all the dignitaries and *tamil thai valthu* (Tamil Nadu state anthem).



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This was followed by the lighting of the lamp by all the dignitaries and student representatives of the bioethics wing.



The Welcome addressed was delivered by the Unit Chief of Bioethics, Dr. Sufala Sunil Vishwasrao where she emphasized on the importance of Bioethics and encouraged the first year MBBS undergraduates to be mindful and start cultivating bioethical values.



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The Bioethics Oath was administered to all the Student Wing members by Ms. Devadarshini a 3rd year MBBS student and Bioethics Student wing member.



This was followed by Introduction of theme for this year namely “Non – Discrimination and Non – Stigmatization” by Dr. Tejas J , Prof., Dept of Forensic Medicine and Toxicology and Secretary of Bioethics Unit. This talk focused on explaining the importance of the theme with special reference to recognizing it early in medical field along with emphasis on various declarations and international conventions which are in practice and the need for their effective implementation



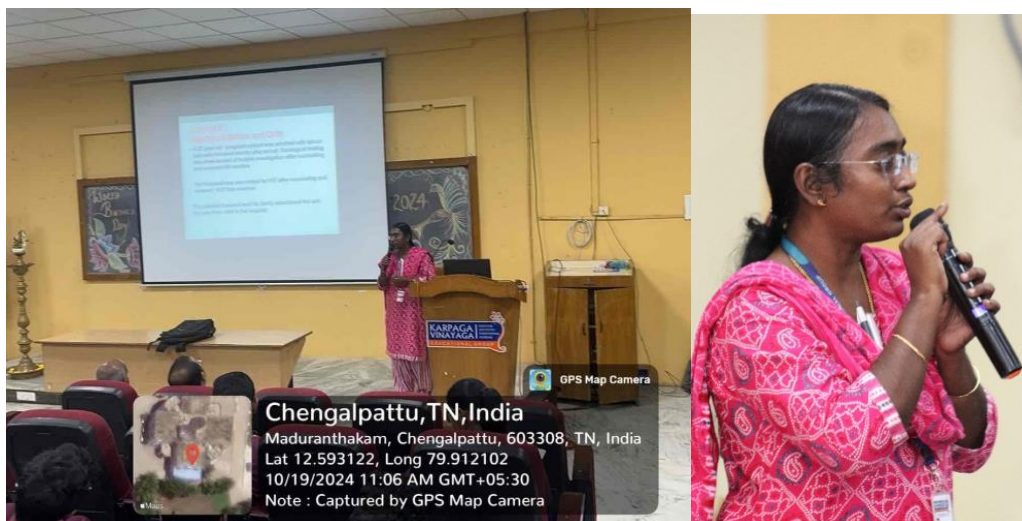
Next, Dr. Thirunaaukarasu. D , Prof. and Head, Dept. of Community Medicine and faculty member of Bioethics Unit spoke on the topic of “Non – Discrimination and Non – Stigmatization” which was about the need for Bioethics in medicine and its impact on various cultural , social , psychological and spiritual domains along with suitable examples and case scenarios.

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This was followed by a talk on “Discrimination and Stigmatization in HIV testing – Case scenarios” by Dr. Abhirami , Prof., Dept. of Mircobiology and faculty member of Bioethics Unit which discussed the various complexities involving discrimination and stigmatization in diagnosis of HIV using multiple real life case scenarios which resonated very well with the audience.



Tea Break was between 10:45am to 11:00am. Next up was an engaging debate contest on the topic of “Should substance abuse be decriminalized” for students. All the participants took part enthusiastically and defended their stand passionately, speaking from both their mind and heart in English as well as in Tamil



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A scientific original research paper titled “Perceptions and Attitudes of Medical Students towards Transgender Patients in a Tertiary care Hospital , Tamilnadu, India : A Mixed-Method study” was presented by Mr. Pradeep N. and Mr. Unnikrishnan. J both students of 3rd year MBBS. It highlighted the stigmatization faced by the transgender community in seeking medical care.



Rangoli contest was conducted for all students in the lecture complex portico.



A short film on Ragging associated discrimination which was filmed by Mr. Dakshinamoorthy a CRMI student which captured the essence of discrimination very well and this was followed by the declaration of winners for all the offline and online events. The session concluded with Vote of Thanks and National Anthem at 12:30pm.