

## **‘World Bioethics Day 2020’**

**Theme: Benefit and Harm**

### **Karpaga Vinayaga Unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics**

The Karpaga Vinayaga Unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Karpaga Vinayaga Institute of Medical Sciences and Research Centre celebrated ‘World Bioethics Day 2020’ on 19th October 2020. The students of Karpaga Vinayaga Educational Group - Karpaga Vinayaga Institute of Medical Sciences and Research Centre (KIMS & RC), Karpaga Vinayaga Institute of Dental Sciences (KIDS) and Karpaga Vinayaga College of Nursing (KVCN) participated in this event. The theme for the year 2020 was Benefit and Harm and all programmes were conducted to highlight the theme among the faculty and students.

Undergraduate Medical, Dental, Nursing and Allied Health Sciences students and Postgraduate students participated in this interdisciplinary event. A total of 777 students participated in this grand event. This interdisciplinary event to celebrate World Bioethics Day 2020, was conducted successfully in an online platform. The Inaugural Programme was graced by Dr. Sufala Vishwasrao, Head of Bioethics Unit, Principal, KIMS&RC; Dr. M. Kannaki, Medical Superintendent, KIMS&RC and Dr. Navin Rajaratnam, Secretary, Bioethics Unit, Professor of Physiology, KIMS&RC among other dignitaries and faculties from Medical, Dental and Nursing.

During the inaugural programme, our Medical Superintendent, Dr. M. Kannaki, welcomed all the faculty members and students to the programme. She gave an insight into important ethical issues faced by students and medical practitioners during COVID-19 pandemic and also helped us gain more knowledge on the theme of the year, Benefit and Harm.

This was followed by the keynote lecture by Dr. Animesh Jain, Professor, Department of Community Medicine, Kasturba Medical college, Mangalore. He enlightened the audience with his talk on "Benefit and harm in healthcare - The delicate balance"

The next facet of the event was the Panel Discussion on "Benefit and Harm". The panelists were Dr. Ramula M, Professor and HOD, Department of General Surgery, KIMS&RC; Dr.



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Bhuvaneshwari.M, Assistant Professor, Department of Orthodontics, KIDS; Dr. Thirunavukkarasu D, Professor, Department of Community Medicine, KIMS&RC; Dr. Mahesh J, Assistant Professor, Department of Public Health Dentistry, KIDS and Dr. S. Punitha Josephine, Vice Principal, Karpaga Vinayaga College of Nursing.

The competitive events that were open to the student participants were Speak Bioethics, English Essay Writing, Tamil Essay Writing, English Poetry, Tamil Poetry, Drawing, Debate, Digital art and Slogan competitions, to commemorate World Bioethics Day 2020.

The main competitive event of the day ‘Speak Bioethics’ had 10 enthusiastic students qualified to participate and spoke on subtopics on the theme of the year, Benefit and Harm. The participants were required to give an extempore speech for three minutes on the allotted topic which was related to Benefit and Harm. The best participants were declared winners by Dr. J. Mahesh, Senior Assistant Professor, Public Health Dentistry, KIDS.

A debate competition was conducted and 6 important ethical dilemmas were debated fiercely by the students on these ethical issues faced during the pandemic. This event was judged by Dr. Arumuganathan, Associate Professor, Department of Psychiatry, KIMS&RC.

The Drawing competition was another event that motivated the students to bring out their creativity and showed their interest in knowing more about bioethics. A total of 55 students each took part in the Drawing competition to display their artistic skills. This was an offline event. This event was judged by Dr. S. Girija, Professor, Department of Anatomy, KIMS&RC.

Essays written by the participants of the Essay Writing competition were inspired by the theme of the year. Participants effectively presented their views on Benefit and Harm in the form of well written essays. The English Essay Writing competition had 52 participants and was judged by Dr. R. Madhumitha, Assistant Professor, Department of Pathology, KIMS&RC. While the Tamil Essay Writing competition had around 30 participants and was judged by Dr. Karthik, Assistant Professor, Department of Pathology, KIMS&RC.

The Poetry Writing competition was conducted similarly and had 154 participants who expressed their ideas in English and Tamil. The English entries were judged by Dr. Lakshmi, Department of Community Medicine, KIMS&RC. The Tamil poems were judged by Dr. T.L. Anbumani, Vice principal, Professor and HOD, Department of Anatomy, KIMS&RC.

Other offline events include, the slogan competition, also based on the theme of the year, Benefit and Harm. We received about 20 enthusiastic slogans, which were judged by, Dr. Santhosh, Professor and HOD, Department of Biochemistry, KIMS&RC.

We also had a Digital art competition to ignite a creative fire in the minds of our participants. This event saw about 10 participants teamed up and was judged by Dr. Vadivel, Professor and HOD, Department of Physiology, KIMS&RC.

An E-Poster competition was conducted, to encourage the academic and theoretical importance of the theme of the year, Benefit and Harm. This event had, about 36 participants including teams, this event was judged by Dr. Seshadri, Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmacology, KIMS&RC.

This event was brought to an end by a valedictory ceremony which involved announcing the winners of all the offline events. This gesture was appreciated. The organisers were grateful for the success and expressed this through a vote of thanks. And the event was declared complete.

## World Bioethics Day 2019 – Winners List

### English essay

Name	Course & Year	Institution
Tiya paily	I Yr AHS Student	Karpaga Vinayaga Institute of Medical Sciences
Ishwarya.S	Final Yr AHS Student	
Sreedevi prasad	I Yr AHS STUDENT	
M.Sharmila	III Yr Nursing Student	Karpaga Vinayaga College of Nursing
G.Mugesh khanna	III Yr Nursing Student	
K.Pavithra	III Yr Nursing Student	
Nikitha.S	Final Yr BDS Student	Karpaga Vinayaga College of Dental Sciences
Srivikasni.J	Final Yr BDS Student	
Subatharani.A	Final Yr BDS Student	
Keerthana.BV	II Yr MBBS Student	Karpaga Vinayaga Institute of Medical Sciences
Venkatesh.M	I Yr MBBS Student	

Sathya.G	II Yr MBBS Student	
<b>Tamil essay</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Course &amp; Year</b>	<b>Institution</b>
Nandhinipriya.S	II Yr MBBS Student	Karpaga Vinayaga Institute of Medical Sciences
R.Akshaya vardhini	Final Yr Nursing Student	Karpaga Vinayaga college of Nursing Sciences
Abdul azeez	III Yr Nursing Student	Karpaga Vinayaga College of Nursing Sciences
<b>English poetry</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Course &amp; Year</b>	<b>Institution</b>
Sandra Ann Alex	I Yr BDS Student	Karpaga Vinayaga Institute of Dental Sciences
M.Ramkumar	Final year MBBS student	Karpaga Vinayaga Institute of Medical Sciences
KC.Vanisri	I Yr MBBS Student	Karpaga Vinayaga Institute of Medical Sciences
<b>Tamil poetry</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Course &amp; Year</b>	<b>Institution</b>
Keerthana.K	II Yr MBBS Student	Karpaga Vinayaga Institute of Medical Sciences
Venkatesh.M	I Yr BDS Student	Karpaga Vinayaga Institute of Dental Sciences
Sandeep Nedunjazhian	I Yr Nursing Student	Karpaga Vinayaga College of Nursing Sciences
<b>Drawing</b>		

Name	Course & Year	Institution
Thenisha	I Yr MBBS Student	Karpaga Vinayaga Institute of Medical Sciences
Janani	III Yr BDS Student	Karpaga Vinayaga Institute of Dental Sciences
Priyadharshini	III Yr Nursing Student	Karpaga Vinayaga College of Nursing Sciences

### Digital art

Name	Course & Year	Institution
Aadhi.S and Simrita Sivaramakrishnan	I Yr MBBS Students	Karpaga Vinayaga Institute of Medical Sciences
Prasanavenkatesh.G and Narendhiran	II Yr MBBS Students	Karpaga Vinayaga Institute of Medical Sciences

### E-poster

Name	Course & Year	Institution
Minna Pradeep	III Yr MBBS Student	Karpaga Vinayaga Institute of Medical Sciences
Gokul S, Gurubaran T, Gopu Lakshman G	II Yr MBBS Students	Karpaga Vinayaga Institute of Medical Sciences
Belcia Evangelin B, Jayaharini K, Nithya varshini R	I Yr BDS Student	Karpaga Vinayaga College of Dental Sciences

### Slogan

Name	Course & Year	Institution

Shilpa Maria TS	II Yr MBBS Student	Karpaga Vinayaga Institute of Medical Sciences
Praveena P	Final Yr BDS Student	Karpaga Vinayaga Institute of Dental Sciences



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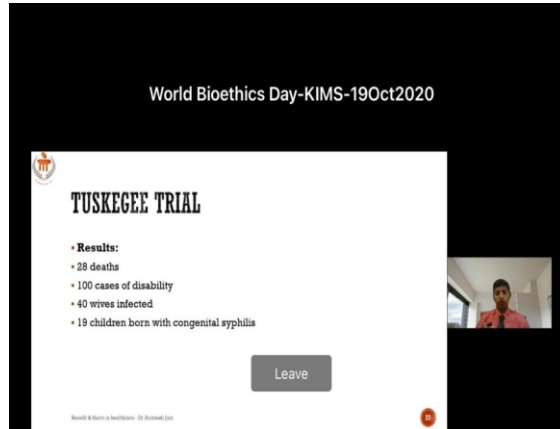
## WORLD BIOETHICS DAY 2020

**THEME: BENEFIT AND HARM**

<p><b>FEATURED EVENTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>INTERACTIVE LECTURES</li> <li>PANEL DISCUSSION</li> <li>DEBATE</li> <li>SPEAK BIOETHICS</li> </ul>	<p><b>COMPETITIONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ESSAY(ENGLISH/TAMIL)</li> <li>POETRY(ENGLISH/TAMIL)</li> <li>DIGITAL ART</li> <li>DRAWING</li> <li>SLOGAN</li> <li>POSTER</li> </ul>
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**DATE: 19-10-2020, MONDAY**  
**TIME: 8.30AM TO 1.30PM**  
**VENUE: ONLINE**

<b>EVENTS</b>					
<b>WELCOME ADDRESS</b>					
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9:15am – 9:45am	<p><b>"Benefit and Harm in health care – the delicate balance"</b> <b>-Dr. Animesh Jain,</b> Professor, Department of Community Medicine, Kasturba Medical College, Mangalore</p>				
<b>Panel discussion; "Benefit and Harm"</b>					
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9:45am – 10:30am	<p><b>Dr. S.Punitha Josephine</b> Vice Principal, Karpaga Vinayaga College of Nursing</p> <p><b>Moderator</b></p> <p><b>Dr. Navin Rajaratnam</b> Professor, Department of Physiology Secretary, Bioethics Unit, KIMS</p>				
10:30am – 11:30am	<b>Speak Bioethics</b>				
11:30am – 12:30pm	<b>Debate</b>				
12:30pm – 1:30pm	<b>Valedictory Event</b>				



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