

**Report on activities of  
National Bioethics Curriculum Implementation Centre**

1. The National Bioethics Curriculum Implementation Centre (NBCIC) was inaugurated on 4<sup>th</sup> Oct 2017 at MIMER Medical College, Talegaon Pune. Dr Russell DSouza, Head Asia Pacific Division, UNESCO Chair in Bioethics Haifa, Melbourne Australia handed over the writ of establishment on behalf of Prof Amnon Carmi, Chair UNESCO Chair in Bioethics Haifa to Dr Suchitra Nagare, Executive Director to mark this momentous occasion. The solemn function was presided over by Dr V D Karad, Founder and Director General, MAEER's MIT Pune. Dr S Geethalakshmi, Honourable Vice Chancellor TN Government Dr MGR Medical University also graced the occasion. Dr Arun Jamkar was bestowed with the writ of appointment as the Chair and Dr Derek D'Souza as Director of the NBCIC
2. Dr Suchitra Nagare, Executive Director was invited as Guest of Honour at the Inauguration of the Bioethics Unit of Maharaja Agrasen Hospital at Punjabi Bagh Delhi on 18<sup>th</sup> Nov 2017. This is the first hospital based Bioethics unit in the country and it was a matter of great pride for MIMER Medical College to be associated with this programme.
3. Dr Derek DSouza, Director NBCIC was invited as guest faculty at the 1<sup>st</sup> National Training Faculty Quality Assurance Camp under the UNESCO Bioethics India Programme held at Hotel Ocean Pearl, Mangalore on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017. He presented two papers at the camp on '*Learning from teaching – The 3T IBHSc Experience*' and '*Use of Standardised patients in Bioethics Education*' which were well appreciated.
4. The 1<sup>st</sup> National Bioethics Conference was held at the historic Fr Muller's Medical College and Hospital on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov 2017. Dr Suchitra Nagare, our Executive Director was the Chief Guest at this grand event and spoke of the need for implementation of Bioethics into all spheres of the medical education system. She quoted from Swami Vivekananda and the Rig Veda to emphasize the need to revamp the teaching and practice of health sciences in India. Dr Derek DSouza also attended the conference as invited guest speaker and presented a paper on '*Ethics of Artificial Intelligence*'.



