Celebration of World Bioethics Day on 19th Oct. 2016
First World Bioethics Day celebration report
MIMER Medical College ,Talegaon, Pune .

UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa) has announced the First celebration of "WORLD BIOETHICS DAY" globally on 19th Oct.2016. The theme for this years celebration is 'Human dignity and Human Rights.'

At MIMER , the celebrations began with Debate Competition & Essay competition for UG students -
On 3rd October we had Debate competition on : "*Is it ethical for doctors to go on a strike*?"
&5th October 2016 ,Essay Competition on : "*Human Dignity & Surrogacy motherhood*"
Students gave overwhelming response to these competitions. Best Team & Best Speakers took away the Prizes.

On 13thOctober , A Workshop on Medical Ethics was arranged for around 40 teachers and PG residents. Very Important topics like '*Professionalism & principles of Bioethics*' by Dr. SantoshSalagre, '*Organ donation ethics*' By Dr. Mahesh Asalkar, '*Health Laws*' by Dr. Praveen Arora ,&'*Publication Ethics*' by Dr. Amitav Banerjee were covered in this workshop.Felicitation for the dignitaries were done .

The world's very first Bioethics day was celebrated with much fervor and gaiety at the MIMER Medical College, Talegaon Dabhade on 19th Oct 2016 by the MIMER Unit of the UNESCO chair of the Bioethics Haifa.

The function was inaugurated by the Ex-VC of MUHS Dr. Arun Jamkar, Principal of MIMER Medical College Dr. Alka Sontakke, Vice-Principal Dr. Swati Belsare and the Medical Superintendent Dr. More.

Dr. Aastha Pandey conducted the ceremony for the day. Dr. Vaishali Korde, Prof OBGY, opened the session by delivering an introductory address about the importance and significance of the day and highlighting key Bioethical principals.

The winners of the debate competitionManalee Das and SatyajeetRakh were thereafter invited to present their views for 10 min each. This was followed by a small talk by Aishwarya Dalvi ,the winner of the essay writing competitionon the ethics of surrogate motherhood.

Dr. Harshal Sabane introduced Dr. Jamkar to the audience and thereafter Dr. Jamkar delivered his keynote address on "*Bioethics in Medical Education*". He deliberated on Bioethics from the context of ancient Indian cultural practices to modern day ethical interventions. He elaborated on the numerous interventions that he has been taking in this field which were galvanized during his tenure as the VC.

The Principal felicitated Dr. Jamkar and shared her thoughts with the gathering. The vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Harshal followed up by the customary playing of the Pasayadan. The function was attended by over 200 participants consisting of undergraduate medicalstudents, interns, faculty members and support staff of the institution. The organization of the event successfully achieved its objective of sensitizing the medical students and the fraternity about the ever increasing need to taking bioethics in the day-to-day practice of the healthcare professional.