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**Three-day national bioethics meet begins**

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**The three-day IJME 5th National Bioethics Conference, organised by the St John’s National Academy of Health Sciences in association with the Forum for Medical Ethics Society and others, began in the City on Thursday.**  
  
Attended by over 600 participants from across the world, it is aimed at giving an impetus to bioethics as a discipline. “We have participants from Australia, England, the United States, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Egypt and Germany,” said Dr G D Ravindran, HoD, Medicine and Ethics, St Johns Hospital.  
  
The Dualism of Bio Medicine: A Cartesian Heritage; Integrity in Clinical Practice; Crisis in Education of Health; Integrity in Public Health System: Systemic Changes and Policy Paradigms are among the other topics that would be discussed. The third day of the conference would see an international symposium on corruption in health care and medicine.  
  
Mario Vaz, HoD, Health and Humanities, St John’s National Academy of Health Sciences, said that a Parallel Arts Festival was also being organised to spread the message among the people. “We have films, plays and also an exhibition on the theme. The idea is to create a bioethics movement engaging people from multiple levels. Self-regulation has failed and there is a need to undo it,” he said.  
  
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An exhibition at the venue has displayed articles on health published in Deccan Herald in the last few years. Over 100 newspaper cuttings have been put under various categories to depict the problems and challenges faced by doctors and also the lacunae in the healthcare sector.  
  
Two MBBS II year students, Helena Angie Makri and Jiss Joy, at St John’s Medical College, have compiled them. “We have been subscribing to Deccan Herald for a long time. We have collected these paper cuttings on which students give their review,” said Dr Ravindran.