



INDIAN
INSTITUTE
of PUBLIC
HEALTH
ESTABLISHED BY PHFI

LADY SHRI RAM COLLEGE FOR WOMEN

University of Delhi

Under the aegis of IQAC in collaboration with
Indian Institute of Public Health, Delhi
presents

The Grammar of Body

Perspectives in Medical Humanities

A 40-Hour Interdisciplinary Virtual Short-Term Certificate Course

Date

Aug 25 to Sept 6, 2026

Time

5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Fee Structure (Non Refundable)

Academicians, Faculty Members Professionals - 3000/-

Students & Research Scholars (UG/ PG / PhD) - 2000/-

Registration Portal Information



Chair

PROF. KANIKA K. AHUJA
Principal, LSR

IQAC Coordinator

PROF. MONIKA SINGH
Dept. of Mathematics, LSR

Convenor

DR. SRIDHI DASH
Assistant Professor
Department of English, LSR

Course Coordinators

DR. LIZASHREE HAZARIKA
Assistant Professor,
Department of Philosophy, LSR

DR. KALPNA NEGI

Assistant Professor,
Department of Economics, LSR

Last Date to Apply: 22nd August, 2026 (11:00 pm)

For queries contact: medhum.lsr@gmail.com



ABOUT US

Lady Shri Ram College for Women, in academic partnership with the Indian Institute of Public Health (IIPH), presents The Grammar of Body: Perspectives in Medical Humanities, a 40-hour interdisciplinary virtual certificate course that reimagines the relationship between medicine, the humanities, and society.

Medical Humanities is an emerging field that extends beyond the clinical understanding of health and illness to explore the cultural, historical, ethical, and political dimensions of the human experience. Through conversations across literature, philosophy, history, economics, public health, and the social sciences, the course encourages participants to examine how ideas of vulnerability, care, disability, illness, and healing are shaped by institutions, communities, and lived realities.

Designed for students, researchers, educators, healthcare professionals, and anyone interested in the intersection of medicine and the humanities, the course aims to foster critical thinking, empathy, and a deeper understanding of healthcare as a profoundly human endeavour. By engaging with diverse perspectives, participants will gain valuable insights into the social and ethical questions that shape health and well-being in an increasingly interconnected world.





CONCEPT NOTE

The emerging field of Medical Humanities offers a vital counter-narrative to strictly clinical understandings of health, illness, and the body. By placing literature, history, philosophy, and economics in conversation, this symposium seeks to interrogate how illness and healing are socially constructed, historically situated, and culturally performed. Rather than viewing vulnerability merely as biological frailty, this short term course approaches vulnerability as a relational condition- one fundamentally produced through social recognition, misrecognition, and institutional structures. By examining the phenomenology of the fragmented body, the dynamics of the social gaze, and the politics of care, the event will explore how marginalized bodies navigate epistemic and structural injustices. Particular attention will be given to the Global South and the colonial Indian context, investigating how public anxiety, indigenous medicine, and the visualization of disease have shaped modern medical paradigms.

The course structure organizes our speakers' expertise around three intersecting axes of vulnerability: the historical construction of the pathologized subject through colonial infrastructure and epistemic violence; the moral dimensions of the clinical encounter, drawing on sensory studies and Indian philosophical perspectives to provide an ethical vocabulary for witnessing chronic suffering; and the biopolitics of contagion, which grounds these discourses in the material realities of health economics to analyse how public policies and institutional opacity function as tools of biopolitical triage.





PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

DATES

25 Aug–6 Sept

TIME

5–8 PM IST

MODE

Online

DURATION

40 Hours

CERTIFICATE

80% Attendance

INCLUDES

Lectures, Workshop,
Resources

Open to Students • Researchers • Faculty • Professionals





LADY SHRI RAM COLLEGE FOR WOMEN

University of Delhi

Under the aegis of IQAC in collaboration with

Indian Institute of Public Health, Delhi

presents

The Grammar of Body

Perspectives in Medical Humanities

SPEAKER LIST



Prof. Pramod K. Nayar
Professor, UNESCO Chair,
Vulnerability Studies
University of Hyderabad,



Prof. Dilip Kumar Das
Former Professor, Department of
Cultural Studies, The English and
Foreign Languages University,
Hyderabad



**Dr. Sathyaraj
Venkatesan**
Professor of English
NIT Trichy



Dr. Chinmay Tumbe
Associate Professor
Economics Area,
IIM Ahmedabad



Prof. Charu Gupta
Professor of Modern India,
Department of History,
University of Delhi



Dr. Priyanka Tripathi
Associate Professor
IIT Patna



Prof. Sumathi Ramaswamy
Professor of History
Duke University



Prof. Kanchana Mahadevan
Professor of Philosophy
Mumbai University





Prof. Robert Leigh Davis

Professor Emeritus of English
at Wittenberg University



Prof. Smita Jha

Professor & Head, Department of
Humanities & Social Sciences
IIT, Roorkee



Dr. Saurabh K. Rai

Research Officer,
Gandhi Smriti Museum



Dr. Apalak Das

Assistant Professor
Department of History
Calcutta University



Dr. Arka Chattopadhyay

Associate Professor
IIT Gandhinagar



Dr. Priyanka Padhy

Assistant Professor
Department of Psychology,
Lady Shri Ram College for
Women



**Prof. Balaganapathi
Deverakonda**

Department of Philosophy
University of Delhi



Prof. Havi Carel

Professor of Philosophy
University of Bristol



Prof. S. Panneerselvam

Former Professor and Head of the
Department of Philosophy,
University of Madras, General
Secretary of the Indian
Philosophical Congress



Prof. Jyoti Sharma

Director
Indian Institute of Public
Health, Delhi



Dr. Aashna Mehta

Associate Professor
Indian Institute of Public
Health, Delhi



Dr. Fraser Riddell
Valedictory Address

Associate Professor
Literary Medical Humanities
Department of English Studies
Durham University





INDIAN
INSTITUTE
of PUBLIC
HEALTH
ESTABLISHED BY PHFI

DELHI

DATESHEET

Date	Session 1 (5:00-6:30 PM IST)	Session 2 (6:30-8:00 PM IST)
25th Aug	Inaugural	Prof. Pramod K. Nayar UNESCO Chair, Vulnerability Studies
26th Aug	Prof. Dilip Kumar Das	Dr. Sathyaraj Venkatesan
27th Aug	Dr. Chinmay Tumbe	Prof. Charu Gupta
28th Aug	Dr. Apalak Das	Prof. Sumathi Ramaswamy
29th Aug	Dr. Saurabh K. Rai	Prof. Robert Leigh Davis
30th Aug	OFF DAY	OFF DAY
31st Sept	Prof. Smita Jha	Dr. Priyanka Tripathi
1st Sept	Prof. Kanchana Mahadevan	Dr. Arka Chattopadhyay
2nd Sept	Dr. Priyanka Padhy	Prof. Balaganapathi Devarakonda
3rd Sept	Prof. Havi Carel	Prof. S. Panneerselvan
4th Sept	Prof. Jyoti Sharma	Workshop
5th Sept	Dr. Aashna Mehta	Workshop
6th Sept	Valedictory session Dr. Fraser Riddell	Feedback & Closing





REGISTRATION

Registration is mandatory for all attendees. The subsidized fee structure includes access to all.

- 40 hours of synchronous session.
- A certificate (soft copy) of completion upon meeting the requirements (80% attendance and feedback form).
- The fees is non refundable.

Participant Category	Registration Fee
Academicians, Faculty Members and Professionals	3,000/-
Students & Research Scholars (UG / PG / PhD)	2,000/-

Target Audience

Given its highly collaborative, multi-disciplinary framework, this short-term certificate course welcomes global participation from:

- **Faculty & Academicians:** Researchers and educators specializing in English and Comparative Literature, Philosophy, Development Studies, Economics, Public Health, Gender Studies, Social History of Medicine.
- **Students & Research Scholars:** Undergraduate (UG), Postgraduate (PG), and PhD candidates working within or adjacent to the Medical Humanities, Biopolitics, Disability Studies and Postcolonial Theory.





ORGANISING COMMITTEE



PROF. KANIKA K. AHUJA
Principal, LSR
Chair



PROF. MONIKA SINGH
Professor
Department of Mathematics, LSR
IQAC Coordinator



DR. SRIDHI DASH
Assistant Professor
Department of English, LSR
Convenor



DR. LIZASHREE HAZARIKA
Assistant Professor
Department of Philosophy, LSR
Course Co-ordinator



DR. KALPNA NEGI
Assistant Professor
Department of Economics, LSR
Course Co-Cordinator





COURSE SUPPORT ASSISTANTS

Creative Design Team

Anussa, Shatakshi

Registration & Outreach Team

Jayti, Sanika, Ahana

Participant Support Team

Jayti, Shreeya, Deepti

Technical Operations Team

Deepti, Shreeya, Anussa, Sanika

Attendance & Records Team

Ahana, Anussa,

Monitoring & Evaluation Team

Deepti, Shatakshi

Certification Team

Shreeya, Shatakshi