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**Consultative Workshop on "Concepts and Comparison: Global and National Regulatory Approaches to AI and Patient Safety" on 16th January 2025 by Symbiosis Law School, Pune, SIU under the SPARC Project 2595, sponsored by Ministry of Education, Government of India.**

In July 2023, Symbiosis Law School, Pune (SLSP), constituent of Symbiosis International (Deemed University) was awarded the prestigious SPARC Project on "Legal and Ethical Framework for Use of Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare Sector with special reference to Patient Safety" sponsored by the Ministry of Education, Government of India through its National Coordinating agency IIT Kharagpur.

The overall aim of the project is to assess, evaluate, and develop an evaluative framework, survey application, check compliance, and suggest law and policy reforms for the legal and ethical use of artificial intelligence in the healthcare sector with a special focus on patient safety. As one of the deliverables of the project a consultative workshop on "Concepts and Comparison: Global and National Regulatory Approaches to AI and Patient Safety" is being organised on 16th January 2025

Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, Fulbright Scholar, Director, SLSP, and Principal Investigator of the SPARC Project, will be guiding this workshop. Dr. Rajiv Yeravadekar, Provost, Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences (FoMHS), SIU, will deliver the Inaugural address. Distinguished international experts, including Dr. Angelica Bonfanti and Dr. Chiara Ragni from the University of Milan, Italy, who are currently on a visit to India, and Dr. Henricus Verhagen and Dr. Claes Granmar from Stockholm University, Sweden, will be participating as International Co-PIs in this workshop.

The workshop will be graced by distinguished guest of honor, Dr. Arun Jamkar, an eminent surgeon and former Vice Chancellor of Maharashtra University of Health Sciences (MUHS), Nashik, by delivering an address on the intersection of AI and healthcare. Dr. Shivkumar Utture, another esteemed guest of honor, will share his insights drawing from his extensive experience as Vice President of IMA HQ 2023-2024 and former President of MMC (2017-22).

Diverse experts such as renowned doctors (from the field of Anaesthesia, Pharmacology General Surgery, Gynaecology, Neurosurgery, Paediatrician), members of Indian Medical Association, AIIMS Hospital Administration, Medico-legal experts, Chairman and members of Hospitals Ethics Committee, Expert Law Firm Counsel, Academicians, Technical and Legal researchers from this niche field will be a part of this consultative workshop.

The workshop will address three core themes: patient safety concerns in AI healthcare (focusing on human rights, privacy, liability, and consent); principles of AI implementation in healthcare (examining responsible AI, human oversight, and data reliability); and development of legal frameworks through analysis of international and Indian guidelines.

This hybrid workshop at SLS Pune will facilitate expert discussions to develop comprehensive frameworks for AI in healthcare. The findings from the workshop among the experts from multidisciplinary domains will contribute to generating data for monographs and handbooks based on practitioner perspective.