A webinar was organized by the Department of Anatomy, Symbiosis medical college for women along with The Federation Of Organ & Body Donation (NGO) (via zoom app.) on 17/04/2021 at 6pm for all.

The topic of the webinar was: **Body Donation And Its Procedure In The Covid Scenario.**

The compering of the whole webinar was done by Dr. Mandar Ambike (Associate Professor, Anatomy, SMCW and SUHRC).

The speakers of the webinar were:

1. **Dr. Pravin Shingare** (Pro-Chancellor, KIMSDU, Karad)
2. **Dr. Vaishaly Bharambe** (HOD & Professor, Anatomy, SMCW and SUHRC)
3. **Purushottam Pawar** (Founding President, Federation of Organ and Body Donation)

Dr. Pravin Shingare Sir aptly explained the need for body donation at this hour & how body donation lays foundation in the study of not only doctors but also paramedical students.

Dr. Vaishaly Bharambe Madam explained the procedure of body donation which is possible even in covid pandemic era provided the body is covid negative.

Shri. Purushottam Pawar Sir guided about the practical difficulties that are faced during the body donation and how they can be overcome.

After the speakers, one of the relatives of donor family- Mrs. Manjiri Sharma was interviewed by Dr. Supriya Methepatil (Associate Professor, Anatomy, SMCW and SUHRC). Mrs. Manjiri Sharma expressed her experience of body donation of her Aunt and how the procedure was well coordinated and executed by the Department of Anatomy of Symbiosis Medical College for Women.

This was followed by a Question-Answer session which was very interactive as many participants expressed their views and got their doubts clarified. Few interactions were as follows:
1. Many people want to opt for body donation but correct guidance is lacking. So the need to conduct such awareness sessions for body donation was stressed by one of the participants.

2. People enquired whether body donation is possible after skin or eye donation and the answer was a big ‘YES’.

3. If covid test of the body comes out to be positive, then the body cannot be accepted for donation.

4. One participant enquired as to how the body is disposed of after dissection. After full use, according to the Anatomy act the remains of the body are incinerated.

5. One participant had difficulty in understanding the meaning of the word mortuary which meant deep fridge cabinet for preserving dead body and his doubt was clarified.

6. Few volunteers came forward to work for body donation and increase the awareness of the same.

The webinar was concluded by the vote of thanks given by Dr. Vaishaly Bharambe. Madam especially thanked Dr P Shingare who despite his very busy schedule, made time to speak at the Webinar and Shri. P Pawar who despite being very busy with Covid related work, made time to speak about Body Donation and its challenges.

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The ideas that helped to frame this webinar were shared by Dr. Sunit Jadhav (Assistant Professor, Anatomy, SMCW & SUHRC) and Dr. Arunprasad (Tutor, Anatomy, SMCW & SUHRC).

Dr. Maithili Kukade (Tutor, Anatomy, SMCW & SUHRC) provided her support throughout the webinar.

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Speakers and Participants