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Navjeevan Singh is Director-Professor of Pathology, Coordinator of the Medical Education Unit (MEU), and staff advisor to the students' union at the University College of Medical Sciences (UCMS), University of Delhi.

In the last decade a series of serendipitous events propelled him and his colleagues Dr. Satendra Singh and Dr. Upreet Dhaliwal, to explore the Medical humanities. The team has attempted to apply methods culled from the humanities streams of education including philosophy, theatre, creative writing, poetry, and the arts to promote Medical Humanities. They are deeply committed to faculty and student support and welfare. Their volunteer near-peer student mentoring program at UCMS is an acknowledged source of emotional and academic support for many students.

The team trained with Dr. Radha Ramaswamy at the Centre for Community Dialogue and Change (CCDC), Bangalore, in Augusto Boal's Theatre of the Oppressed (TO). Here they were also introduced to Paulo Freire's Pedagogy of the Oppressed. In an effort to create change they have attempted to apply this learning to break conditioned patterns of attitudes, of behaviour, of communication, of diversity issues, and of empathy among students and health care personnel. Some of the techniques will be demonstrated at this workshop