

Universal Health Organisation (UHO)

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The weekly newsletters bring the updates on the science, battered and bruised during the pandemic, legal updates and impact of activism for a just society, across the world. These are small steps to promote Transparency, Empowerment and Accountability – the ethos of the UHO.

Controversy over fortified rice

On 15th August 2021 the Prime Minister [announced](#) that 80 crore Indians will be fed rice fortified with iron and vitamins to combat anemia and micronutrient deficiency. This was hailed as a laudable health policy to tackle a long standing public health issue.

However, on scrutiny, it appears that this is a hasty measure against all scientific evidence. There is potential of [harm](#) from fortified rice to children & people with certain disorders. The [Cochrane review](#), considered to be the gold standard in evidence based medicine, also states there is no impact of fortified rice in tackling population level anemia.

Why did the government ignore strong evidence? A [collective of investigative journalists](#) have found the answer. They have unearthed strong conflicts of interests involving a Dutch firm and a number of NGO's funded by companies with commercial interests.

Follow the money instead of the science seems to be the strategy to address major public health issues.

Covid-19 vaccination-related myocarditis study in Korea

A Korean nation-wide study of Covid-19 vaccination-related myocarditis (VRM) was recently published in the [European Heart Journal](#). The study found that VRM occurred in about 11 people per million, and as high as 53 instances per million in males of age-group 12-17. About 1-in-5 cases of VRM were severe. The study concludes "SCD (Sudden Cardiac Death) should be closely monitored as a potentially fatal complication of COVID-19 vaccination". This study adds to the already numerous [red signals](#) on safety of the various Covid-19 experimental vaccines. Although increased instances of heart issues have been reported around the world including in India, media "experts" have been ignoring the Covid-19 vaccine as a possible cause despite voluminous scientific evidence for implicating the jabs ([a recent example](#)).

First Case Report of Vaccine Associated Myocarditis (Covishield) from India

While reporting of adverse events following immunization (AEFI) leaves much to be desired even in developed countries, in our country AEFI monitoring has yet to get its act together. Using [data](#) available in public domain, it has been estimated there is gross underreporting of AEFI in our country.

While myocarditis following Covid-19 vaccines has been reported from other countries, there is hardly any report from India. There is a saying in clinical medicine that the eyes do not see what the mind does not know. While statistics indicate rising trends of heart ailments in young people, any association with the vaccine has become the elephant in the room.

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Against this background, Dr Deepak Natarajan and Dr Poonam Rana, cardiologists practicing in Delhi, have published a [case report](#) of vaccine associated myocarditis, the first from India. This adds to the growing evidence of myocarditis following the Covid-19 jabs which has persuaded countries like UK of withdrawing vaccine mandates below 50 years of age. Hope this case report will act as a signal and alert other cardiologists to look for this AEFI.

WHO and European Union (EU) announce partnership to create “Digital Vaccine Passports.”

The WHO and the EU are contemplating [Digital Vaccine Passports](#) . The Covid-19 vaccine fiasco has not dampened their zeal it seems. According to the WHO this will be scaled up to a Global Digital Health Certificate.

With the proposed WHO Pandemic Treaty, the introduction of Digital Vaccine Passports and Global Digital Health Certificates, the ambition of WHO to take on the role of an extra-constitutional seat of power is becoming evident.

Former American President Donald Trump brushes off complaints about Covid Job Injuries saying most wanted a vaccine.

Donald Trump doubled down on his support for the Covid jabs while addressing a public gathering in Iowa, in response to a voter saying her community lost people due to the controversial shots. Trump responded that happened because majority wanted the jabs. He, however, categorically mentioned that he was against [vaccine mandates](#). Politicians and top bureaucrats keep their hands clean. The Indian Government also in its affidavit to the Supreme Court declared Covid-19 vaccination was voluntary and [there were no mandates](#) .