

# Universal Health Organisation (UHO)

## Weekly Newsletter – 06 Oct 2023



*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.*

**Announcement: Membership & endorsements to the UHO are invited. Link: <https://uho.org.in/endorse.php>**

### **Nobel Error?**

First of all UHO congratulates the winners of the Nobel Prize in Medicine and Physiology for the year 2023. The winners for this coveted award are Katalin Kariko and Drew Weissman for their discoveries concerning nucleoside base modifications that enabled the development of “effective mRNA vaccines” against Covid-19. Having said this, UHO has certain reservations regarding this year’s award. Firstly, the term “effective vaccine” mentioned in the [Press Release](#) by the Nobel Assembly at Karolinska Institute, Sweden, is misleading. Early in the pandemic a peer reviewed [paper](#) published as early as 30 September 2021 in the European Journal of Epidemiology found no correlation between population level mRNA vaccine uptake and incidence of Covid-19 from after studying data sets from 68 countries and 2947 American counties. Similarly, the impact of mass vaccination and deaths at population levels is also [unfavourable](#). Much more concerning is that data from the Office of National Statistics, UK reveal that in the period June 2022 to May 2023, people who were vaccinated had 155,000 [excess deaths](#) compared to the unvaccinated. Such data should be red signals calling for a pause in rolling out the mRNA vaccine technology for [other diseases](#) as is being envisaged.

Against the backdrop of such hard data which fails to establish any favorable impact of mass vaccination, the term “effective mRNA vaccines” is misleading and diminishes the sanctity of this highest award.

The plot thickens when one considers a recent post dated 29 September 2023 in Nature which rues that most Nobel Laureates have to wait decades for the recognition of their work and the Nobel Prize. The average time lag for the Prize in Medicine was 26 years!

The Pandemic has broken all records, and like T20 cricket the “Nobel” seems to have become a spectator sport! Science on the other hand is serious business with many frustrations and occasional mishaps such as the [thalidomide disaster](#).

There is growing literature on the [mRNA Vaccine toxicity](#) as a result of the spike protein reaching different organs and damaging the heart, brain, immune systems, blood vessels leading to clots, & reproductive organs. The precautionary principle demands that we should tread cautiously while experimenting with a novel technology. At stake are human lives.

### **A dose of opium – The Vaccine War**

When we live in an unreal world, a dose of opium soothes. The Vaccine War is just what the doctor ordered – for the credulous. When the Nobel seems to have degenerated into a spectator sport, the filmmaker who produced The Vaccine War can be forgiven for a lesser evil. After all, filmmakers have the privilege of creative liberty. The emotive appeal with subtle distortion of facts will move the average citizen and can serve as the opium for the masses. For the discerning, a [nuanced review](#) by Prof Bhaskaran Raman, is recommended.

### **Negligible Evidence supporting Lockdowns and other Restrictive Measures**

The Covid-19 Pandemic witnessed some of the most severe restrictive measures in public health history. These caused much [collateral harm](#). It is important therefore to know the evidence on which these extreme measures were undertaken to establish accountability or at the least prevent these measures becoming standard protocol for even regional small outbreaks as we witnessed in the recent [Nipah Virus scare](#) in Kerala.

According to the [data](#) available on the UK Health Security Agency Website, the evidence for these measures was very weak if not negligible. Only 19 of the 121 studies (12.5%), reported any impact of restrictive measures

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like social distancing, masks and lockdowns at individual level. The bulk of the evidence 100 out of 151, was based on mathematical modeling studies, a misleading method which caused much havoc in this pandemic. There was lack of randomized controlled trials, only 2 out of 151 studies (1.32%), considered the gold standard in evidence based medicine and public health. There were no robust studies on the impact of border restrictions and containments. This lack of evidence on which the draconian measures were implemented should call for accountability on part of the policy makers who recommended them. But there seems to be no indication that this is going to happen. On the other hand, as witnessed in the Nipah outbreak in Kerala these costly mistakes are being repeated. Ritualism has replaced rationality and science.

### **Amendments to International Health Regulations & Pandemic Treaty will make restrictions more severe**

What is most concerning is that the proposed amendments to the International Health Regulations have over 300 changes to make them more stringent. These are being secretly negotiated with a view to submit it to the International Health Regulations Review Committee on 15 December 2023. What makes it sinister is that there has been no release of any revised addition or version 2.0, no public comments, no debate in Parliament and no mention in the news about these amendments.

Unelected, unaccountable and largely unknown delegates from 194 countries meet in Geneva during the World Health Assembly meetings like they did in 2022 and adopted amendments to the IHR giving it a false assumption of acceptance by all these 194 nations. The process is not democratic as these country delegates are unelected and do not represent the people of their country.

Here comes the role of the watchmen or Chowkidars of these 194 nations to blow the trumpet. They have to step up and write to the WHO invoking article 61 of the WHO constitution and reject these amendments before 01 December 2023. Strangely, none of the Chowkidars has stepped forward to say no in these past 16 months. There is less than 2 months to go.

In the UK, Canada, and Australia there are official petition mechanisms. In the UK there are already over [100,000 signatures](#) and the people of this country are waiting for a scheduled discussion on these issues. The secrecy on part of most governments is intriguing. If there is no rejection by a leader of any country before 01 December 2023, these amendments with draconian provisions will be deemed to be accepted by default.

The amendments can lead to perpetual lockdowns and threaten autonomy of nations. Dr David Bell, a former WHO scientist, has said that the pandemic preparedness will [pave the way to International Fascism](#). There have been some misgivings in the [European](#), [British](#) and [Australian](#) parliament regarding the amendments. But strangely, there is no debate or deliberations in the parliament of the largest democracy in the world.

But still there is hope. Our Chowkidar is known to strike suddenly with an element of surprise. In one of his [Maan ki Baat](#) he has also confessed his love for democracy and strongly expressed that the “Emergency” during the seventies was a crime that put the freedom of our people in danger. According to him the emergency years was a dark period in the history of India.

Surely, our Chowkidar with his strong belief in democracy and freedom of our people will take all steps to prevent us entering into a dark period of history once again, endangering the freedom of his beloved people. We are confident that he will pick up the trumpet to warn his people of the looming sword in the form of the IHR amendments before 01 Dec 2023.

And we can assure him that once he [blows the trumpet](#) loud and clear, the people of India will join him with banging of “thalis” and lighting of “dijas” to drive away the dark shadows of the amendments to the IHR from Indian soil. Jai Hind!

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