

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.

Announcement: Membership & endorsements to the UHO invited: <https://uho.org.in/member.php>

BMJ reports “heated debate” around study of adverse effects of Covaxin in India: too little too late

The prestigious British Medical Journal (BMJ), has [reported](#) a heated debate around the study of adverse effects of Covaxin in India undertaken by researchers of Banaras Hindu University (BHU). The study was published in the peer reviewed journal published by Springer Nature, *Drug Safety*. The researchers followed up over 1000 participants including a large proportion of adolescents for over a year. They reported a number of adverse effects of special interest (AESI), including some serious events like stroke and Guillain-Barre syndrome.

Admittedly, the study was not perfect with a number of methodological flaws, which the authors had mentioned as limitations in the paper. Some of these were lack of a control group, telephonic interviews and likely recall bias of the participants.

The BMJ mentioned the sharp criticism of the study by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and its letter to the editor of the journal asking for retraction of the study. BMJ also mentioned the open letter written to the ICMR by the non-profit watchdog Universal Health Organization (UHO) condemning the ICMR for rejecting the BHU study while asking for its retraction. The BMJ put on record UHO’s views that the “ICMR should desist from academic censorship of the already small number of studies on Covaxin’s long term safety. ICMR owes this to the lakhs of Indian children to whom Covaxin was administered.” The ICMR did not respond to the criticism by the UHO when contacted by the BMJ.

The UHO ruefully notes that the BMJ has overrated the difference of opinions among the various players involved in this controversy as “heated debate.” It is obvious from the ICMR’s silence on the open letter by the UHO that it wants to avoid any sort of debate and is only interested in suppressing and censoring any reports of adverse events around the Covaxin. This is not science. Science thrives on debate and disagreement and not on suppression and censorship.

Censorship and suppression of science has become a global phenomenon post Covid-19 pandemic

The censorship of all studies which raise doubts about the efficacy and safety of the Covid-19 vaccines has become a global phenomenon. Last week the [peer reviewed study](#) published in the BMJ Public Health raising concerns about excess deaths and possible links with the Covid-19 vaccine came under attack. Both the authors’ institution and the journal which published the study, BMJ Public Health, distanced itself from the paper in which the authors made the following bold statement, “excess mortality has remained high in the Western world for three consecutive years, despite the implementation of containment measures and Covid-19 vaccines. This raises serious concerns.” In the

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paper the authors noted an inconvenient truth that both medical professionals and citizens have reported serious injuries and deaths following vaccination to various official databases in the Western world. They cited various papers documenting adverse events following vaccination including cardiovascular diseases, coagulation, haemorrhages, gastrointestinal events and thromboses.

While the authors' institution disassociated itself from the paper, the journal, BMJ Public Health, issued an [expression of concern](#) which often is a prelude to a complete retraction. We feel this is an unhealthy trend and continuing suppression of the science. It will discourage any researcher from studying the adverse effects of the vaccine. At stake are human lives.

While Medical Journals are suppressing the uncomfortable truths around the vaccine some mainstream media in India are reporting them

While medical journals are suppressing any reports of adverse effects of the Covid-19 vaccines, some newspapers have started reporting them. Dainik Bhaskar, a daily investigated [25 cases of sudden deaths](#) in UP, India. Out of these 24 were males without any comorbidity. None had suffered from symptomatic Covid-19. All had taken the Covid-19 vaccine. Five deaths occurred in the 5-15 years age group; 14 deaths in 20-40 years age group; 4 deaths in the 41 to 50 years age group and 2 deaths in 51-60 years age group. Among the 25 deaths only 1 occurred in a female.

At the other end of the globe, Kansas court admits legal notice against Pfizer for misleading the public

There is hope from the other end of the globe. In the USA, the District Court of Kansas has admitted [legal proceedings against Pfizer](#) for misleading the people about the efficacy and safety of the Covid-19 vaccines. A long list of charges have been labeled against Pfizer which includes concealing information about harms from the Covid-19 vaccines, including myocarditis, pericarditis, failed pregnancies and deaths, lying to the public about its efficacy, influencing the media and many similar charges.

This promises to be a milestone development. We hope this triggers a spate of lawsuits against irresponsible vaccine manufacturers across the USA, and eventually, across the globe.

Regrettably, during the course of the pandemic and even now, the mainstream medical and scientific fraternity has come out in poor light as is evident by suppressing and call for retraction of papers which cast any aspersions on the Covid-19 vaccines.

Another cause for disillusionment is that while in the USA hearings on the Covid-19 are ongoing in the senate, with Dr Anthony Fauci and his cronies being grilled continuously, there are no signs of such developments in the largest democracy in the world where the harshest measures like the largest lockdown and the largest scale of mass vaccination was implemented.

The Mainstream consensus not only continues to project the recent pandemic as an existential threat to humanity but projects the partly aborted WHO Pandemic Treaty as the savior of mankind from similar human crisis arising out of future pandemics

A [feature](#) in a mainstream media which is echoed by other dominant news outlets, [including Indian](#)

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[media](#), states that the international community's recent failure to finalize a global pandemic agreement leaves large gaps in our capacity to deal with the next major infectious diseases emergency. The dominant narrative driven by stakeholders with serious conflicts of interests continues to project the WHO as a savior of humanity from the threat of future pandemics. It endorses the draconian and repressive measures taken in the recent pandemic on the grounds that the Covid-19 Pandemic was the worst in a century. Keeping the momentum of panic, the narrative warns of a future pandemic far worse than Covid-19.

Indian experts are not lagging behind to keep the panic of future pandemics alive. They have called for heightened precautions on occurrence of the [second bird flu case](#) (in a population of 140 crores!). They have even gone to the extent of advising people to take the influenza shot!

Similarly, the WHO and GAVI, a Gates Foundation venture, are urging nations to introduce routine Ebola vaccine [for high risk health workers](#). One should mention that a huge stockpile of Ebola vaccine manufactured by Merck is nearing expiry date!

UHO calls for a debate and discussion involving eminent scientists with no conflicts of interest and free from pharmaceutical influence, to resolve the following issues before endorsement of any treaty which will open the way for repetition of these measures which caused huge collateral harm and misery.

- Consensus on definition of a pandemic. Whether a virus which has minimum impact on the young and the healthy like the SARS-CoV-2 which caused Covid-19 can be accepted to have caused a “pandemic?”
- An extensive audit to appraise the benefits and harms due to lockdowns, social distancing, school and business closures, vaccine and mass mandates and coercion.
- An inquiry into the conflicts of interest of the WHO which is funded to a large extent by private sponsors like the Gates foundation and the pharmaceutical industry.
- A similar inquiry into the conflicts of interest of the public health policy makers in all countries.
- Accountability of those whose acts of omission or commission led to loss of lives and livelihoods.

UHO thinks that signing the WHO Pandemic Treaty without resolving these issues will lead to declaration of frequent pandemics by the WHO to serve the interests of the pharmaceutical industry and endanger human rights of citizens of the world. Government officials and bureaucrats in collusion with the WHO would have a free hand and indemnity from accountability as envisaged in the treaty.

“Opium Wars” revisited as “psychological operation” to woo doctors to prescribe opioids with addiction liability

The prestigious British Medical Journal (BMJ) has [published a feature](#) unearthing how pharma giants promoting opioids (synthetic pain killers related to opium), influenced doctors to prescribe opioids to their patients with painful conditions. They did not restrict themselves to directly co-opting doctors to

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prescribe opioids but also sought to increase sale of these addictive opioids by influencing medical science and opinion – an extensive marketing playbook involving ‘ghost’ of ‘behind the scenes’ control of medical practice. They shaped the language of medicine by recruiting physicians to serve as influencers, and planting articles in scientific journals.

We feel this is the tip of the iceberg. A [peer reviewed paper](#) had brought out how many medical textbooks including, “Harrison’s Principles and Practice of Medicine,” considered an authoritative source of medical information, included a large proportion of authors who have close ties with the pharmaceutical industry and undisclosed conflicts of interest. Interestingly, Dr Anthony Fauci, the mastermind of most of the harsh Covid-19 measures is on the editorial board of “Harrison’s Principles and Practice of Medicine.” The noble profession is noble no more, but enslaved by the pharma industry.

Liberal Democrats in the UK place health in their election manifesto

The Liberal Democrats in the UK have placed health at the heart of their [UK general election manifesto](#) with headline pledges to boost GP access, tackle long waits for treatment, and transform cancer care.

It is a sad commentary of our political landscape that health does not find an important part in the election pledges of Indian politicians. The situation can only change with increasing awareness of our people as to what leads to better health so that they can demand the same of their political leaders. Currently the people are lured by the glitz and glamour of tertiary care health centre with mushrooming of AIIMS at the cost of improving the peripheral health centres and status of the General Practitioners (GPs) who can meet most of the health needs of the population at minimum cost. Neglecting the basic public health infrastructure leads to flocking of patients from rural areas to tertiary care centres in big cities even for minor ailments at huge cost both at individual and institutional level.

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