

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>

Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) 2nd on List of Global Ranking of Public Health

Institutions: A sad day for Indian Public Health

In a strange twist of events, Public Health Foundation of India ([PHFI](#)), [has secured second place](#) ahead of Harvard School of Public Health in the Global Rankings of Public Health Institutions. While many who do not know the background of PHFI would be rejoicing and taking this as a proud moment for Indian Public Health, this ranking is a mockery and could have grave consequences for public health in India.

The PHFI is an NGO which is heavily influenced by foreign donors having ties with pharmaceutical companies. It has been accused of [misusing funds from the Gates Foundation](#). The PHFI has also been increasingly influencing India's health policies. The UHO has serious concerns on this as most of the [office bearers of the PHFI have serious undeclared conflicts of interest](#).

Another concern which UHO would like to put on record is that the PHFI offers courses in Masters of Public Health (MPH). The course is offered to anyone with an undergraduate science degree. Over a period of time there is a proliferation of half baked public health specialists with this degree who are replacing medical doctors who have specialized in epidemiology and public health. A doctor coming from a medical background who later specializes in epidemiology and public health has a better understanding of public health issues compared to the half baked MPHs.

Giving an arbitrary world ranking to PHFI superseding well established institutes like the All India Institute of Hygiene and Public Health, Kolkata which trains medical doctors in epidemiology and public health, appears to be a designed to elevate the status of these MPHs who with their half baked understanding of public health issues would be pawns in the hands of stakeholders like the Gates Foundation and the pharmaceutical industry.

One of the World's Leading Epidemiologists Martin Kulldorff fired by Harvard University

Martin Kulldorff, PhD, of Harvard University, one of the leading epidemiologists globally who with Jay Bhattacharya of Stanford and Sunetra Gupta of Oxford, co-authored [The Great Barrington Declaration](#), has been [fired by his University](#). Dr Kulldorff was a vocal critic of the irrational Covid-19 pandemic control measures like lockdown, school closures and vaccine mandates.

The two developments, elevating mediocre institution like the PHFI which is churning out half baked public health specialists without any medical background and running down brilliant epidemiologists makes it clear that there is a method in this madness of promoting mediocrity and pulling down brilliance. Mediocre professionals will unquestionably toe the line of stakeholders with conflicts of interest like the Gates Foundation, the pharma industry and the WHO which is heavily influenced by both.

Higher mortality among vaccinated persons admitted with Covid-19 according to latest research

The latest [research](#) has brought out that vaccinated people admitted to hospital with Covid-19 had higher mortality compared to the unvaccinated. The mortality in the vaccinated was 70% compared to that in the

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unvaccinated which was 37%. The overall survival was almost twice in the unvaccinated. This finding puts to question the myth that the Covid-19 vaccine protects against severe disease and death.

A ray of hope for the Covid-19 vaccine injured in the USA – Proposed Bill to remove liability protection to manufacturers

A proposed [legislation](#) introduced in the USA on March 5, 2024 may terminate the liability protection to manufacturers. This would enable the victims of vaccine injuries to sue the manufacturers. The Bill if passed would be retroactively remove the protection granted under the “Public Readiness and Emergency Protection (PREP) Act,” to the vaccine manufacturers.

UHO hopes this Bill sets up a cascade effect in other countries and vaccine manufacturers are held liable for serious adverse effects from the vaccines in other countries as well. Millions of citizens all over the world were forced to take the vaccines either by mandates or by coercion. Many suffered, some died due to the side effects of the experimental vaccines. Very few have been compensated. UHO believes that the citizens of the world should be empowered to insist on removal of crony liability protection clauses. People deserve justice for the violation of their autonomy, human rights and injuries from an experimental product.

Indian Government notifies new marketing codes for pharma companies

There is some good news for the Indian citizens who are the victims of the medical-pharma nexus. The government notified a [Uniform Code for Pharmaceutical Marketing Practices \(UCPMP\)](#), which prohibits companies from promoting foreign jaunts abroad for doctors on pretext of educational workshops and offering them hotel stays, expensive cuisines and monetary grants. This is an attempt to check unethical practices in the pharmaceutical industry.

While welcoming this development, UHO has its reservations on how effective this would be in curbing unethical practices due to the unholy alliance of the medical profession with the industry. The impact of similar regulations in the past did not lead to the desired results. Almost identical codes of conduct were [passed by the Medical Council of India \(MCI\)](#) more than a decade ago. The very fact that similar guidelines are again contemplated is a testimony to the fact that such regulations did not work in the past. Let us hope that this time around an empowered civic society ensures transparency and accountability in all liaisons of the medical profession with the pharmaceutical industry.

However, UHO does not envision a situation where all ties between the medical profession and the pharma can be rendered ethical with such whitewashes.

Medical experts with conflicts of interest due to sponsorships or funding by industry or private foundations should not guide or advice on national health policies and strategies. The deeper malaise giving rise to serious ethical questions are organizations like the PHFI with strong ties with the Gates Foundation, which are increasingly playing an important role in our government health policies.

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