

## Letters to the Editor

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### Priority Should be Reset

SIR, — What is the scenario in the medical field during the last 100 years (1920 to 2020), let us examine :

(1) In Spanish Flu 1920 total 6 crore people died in a world of 200 crore but in 2020 total at best 1 crore people ill die in a world of 600 crores. This is definitely an achievement.

(2) During the last 100 years achievement in medical science is unimaginable, like –

- In 1921 – Insulin was discovered
- In 1942 – Sulfonamide was discovered .
- In 1945 – Penicillin was born
- In 1975 – Ultrasound was invented
- In 1980 – CT scan came in market
- In 1990 – MRI was invented.
- During last 100 Years many vaccine like Polio, Yellow Fever, Diphtheria, Chicken Pox flooded the market
- Many anti cancer drugs were discovered – now most cancer are not incurable.

We were enjoying our achievements & thought infectious disease is now a history of the past & totally forgot the old age saying "History Repeats Itself".

It was in 2019 winter in China , when a new virus strain Covid - 19 was discovered & soon we realized that we were living in Fool's Paradise. We realized how insufficient was our infra- structure to combat Epidemic; especially the First World Countries.

Our health system has two wings : One vertical wing like Big hospitals with all modern facilities, other is preventive wing – ie, primary health care system where vaccination & preventive health care are delivered.

No doubt vertical development in USA is fantastic, Brain operation, Transplant surgery - State of the art is now in Zenith but Horizontal Preventive Care is neglected because there is no so called glamour in it & less money comes. On the contrary Cuba, a poor country with approx 1.5 crore people not only treated the victim of their country but also send medical help to italy & govt of italy have recognized it.

Now what should be our goal. More emphasis on horizontal care, more fund on preventive medicine. So long we are worshipping wrong God. Our God should be the persons who are working on preventive or community medicine. Health Care should not be left to the multinational pharma company.

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### Calling the Shots : A CS note on Covid Specific Vaccination

Life on the Celestial Sphere of the Earth

Was brought to a Crashing Stop

By Corona virus 2, or SARS-CoV-2.

The Contagious Spread in the air

Brought forth Confounding Sanctions

And Constricting Social norms.

Many a Colleague was Struck,

Especially among Cherished Seniors.

For quite a few it was Curtains and Silence (death)

Others Crawled and Scraped through the ICU,

But have Continuing Shortness of breath.

Charmed Sorts got just a Cough and Some fever

But Carrier States went around as Callous Spreaders,

Causing Statistically high numbers...!

Constitutional States (governments) under pressure

Fueled by Correspondents Spewing fear,

Corporates Seizing the opportunity

Crisis Science kicked in

Creating Serums (vaccines) on the double,

With good Chance of Success,

And a Creditable Safety profile.

Now we wait with Concerned Suspense,

The arrival and Co-ordinated Sharing

Of this Community Supportive vaccine.

Common Sense dictates that the

Disease Calamity : Safety of Vaccine ratio

Be understood, Confirmed and Surmised, by all.

That, there is, Credible Security

Against the Corona Syndromes.

The duration of Confirmed Shelter from Covid is not known

So the Coping Strategies of CSM

[Clean hands, Social distancing, Mask]

Will Carefully Stretch for months more.

Yet, vaccination is individuals' Choice Specific.

And the non vaccinators will Continue Susceptibility

Adding Considerably Significant Risk

Of Cursed Suffering of the disease to themselves,

Besides being the main Cause of Sustained viral

Presence in all Cadres of Society.

This will delay return to Civilized Styles of Living

That were Considered Standards of the Pre Covid world.

It will add to the Cash Shortages of millions,

And deprive our young ones of Classes & Schooling

To get their formal education and Cultural Skills

Needed for the Confidence and Success in their lives.!

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