

A global pandemic treaty will enhance a global pandemic preparedness for future health emergencies. Discuss.

The covid pandemic costed 15 million lives and pushed 120 million into extreme poverty. Now, monkey pox affected 32,000 cases and has been declared as public health emergency of international concern. A global pandemic preparedness treaty can save human efforts combating it.

India's role during pandemic

Though we suffered pandemic India under the vaccine master programme, exported vaccines to 60 countries. India along with South Africa managed IPR acceleration for covid vaccines for seamless vaccination.

Inequality

Though vaccines companies made billions as of march 2022 31% of people in low income countries and 60% of people in high income countries were unvaccinated. A pandemic treaty can halt the inequality.

## Pandemic treaty

A pandemic treaty must start from the country level with early detection of diseases. India has IDSP - Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme and Ministry of Earth Science - funded the Early Health warning system.

The WHO under the REDISE regional disease surveillance system enhancement played a key part in Ebola detection and prevention, under aegis of WHO and World Bank.

Funding must be enhanced for R&D and therapeutics and vacines. The CEPI - Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness and Innovation must be leveraged. Also, standards for reporting and information sharing of disease outbreaks must be streamlined.

Future Building global consensus of pandemic treaty and legislating laws under Article 253 to put an effect of such pandemic treaty can help achieve SDG-3 - Good health & well-being