

A global Pandemic Treaty will enhance a global pandemic preparedness for future health emergencies.
— Discuss.

Covid 19 pandemic is one of the severe pandemic world faced last 100 years. Nearly 18 Million people died, 120 M people went to extreme poverty. No single government / organisation address this single handely. This shows, how "Nobody is safe until everybody is safe".

Global Pandemic Treaty:

1. To mitigate future challenges, the global political commitment is needed.
2. The treaty was introduced on special session on World Health Assembly (WHA55).

Inequality during Pandemic:

I. Cases & vaccine distribution:

- I.1. The cases filed, as on March 2022, on high economy country & low economy countries are of 65.3 M & 61.2 Million respectively similar.
- I.2. But the Inequality in vaccine distribution, diagnostic & therapeutics between the countries is observed.

II. Socio - Economic - consequences :

II.1. High Economy country still managing the effects.

II.2. While low Economies in irreversible state.

III. Vaccination : As of March 2022,

III.1. High Economies are vaccinated, - 60.18%.

III.2. Low Economies are only 3%.

IV. Digital Fund :

IV.1. The world leaders pledged for 7.4 M for covid19 vaccine development & treatments. But USA does not send any representatives.

India during Pandemic

I. Commitment against health Inequity :

I.1. UN - Annual vaccine procurement of "vaccine Diplomacy" "Vaccine Maitri", even at domestic shortages.

II. Global co-operation :

II.1. 594.35 L doses are sent to 72 countries.

II.2. In this, 81.25 L doses as gifts; 173.43 L doses under GAVI; 339.67 L doses - commercial

Way ahead :

1. By the proposal of vaccine patent by India - WTO restrict the IP on manufacturing vaccines [covid 19].
2. All nations come with common metrics 'Health Investment'.
3. As BMJ Journal highlighted, "Build coherence; Avoid Fragmentation".
4. Not only reduce inequality, but enhance preparedness for future emergency.
5. Data sharing & genome sequencing of emerging viruses.