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Speed over optics: On why Centre should procure and allot vaccines to States

The article outlines the need for the center to assume the responsibility of procuring and allotting vaccines to the states.

The state's attempt to strike deals with vaccine companies and private hospitals hasn't been that fruitful as it was expected to be. Also, the number of vaccines administered in May was way too than the estimates shared for the population falling in the age bracket of 18-44. Also, there are discrepancies in the data.

Given the situation, the States are now demanding the center to jump into procurement and allotment of vaccines. Though initially, it was the center's miscalculation that expected the in-house vaccine production to suffice the vaccination needs of India.

The International vaccine supply seems unlikely in near future, so the author asserts the center to concentrate on increasing vaccine production in India. Also, this way the center can keep a check on the prevailing competition amongst the states, giving away a more transparent vaccine distribution system.

Words to look out for

Naught:

- **Synonyms:** cipher, zero, zilch
- **Antonyms:** all, actuality, whole
- **Word usage:** Because Kurt's negotiating skills amount to naught, we were not able to get a price reduction on the car.

Clamour:

- **Synonyms:** hue and cry, racket, commotion
- **Antonyms:** peace, calmness, silence
- **Word usage:** There was a clamor of voices outside the office.

Frantic:

- **Synonyms:** frenzied, wild, frenetic
- **Antonyms:** composed, collected, undisturbed
- **Word usage:** She controlled her breathing to keep her frantic emotions from consuming her.

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Virus detectives, unite: Only a joint probe by major nations, including India, into Covid origin, can hold China accountable

The article intends to focus on the origin of the SARS-Cov-2. Also, it mentions that China has failed in providing an acceptable answer about the first instance of the virus reported in Wuhan. The situation has driven the need for epidemiological detective work in a concrete manner to support the argument that this virus may be a lab-made pathogen that leaked.

The idea is if the Wuhan institute of technology is responsible for this or the theory of lab-made pathogen holds, then major nations must hold China accountable. America has initiated this move and seeks support from all major economies to share scientific findings and force China to take ownership.

China would certainly react aggressively to this. It may also try to force the union to break using its trade tactics as it did with Australia to suppress the initial demand for an investigation. A greater force here can make a difference: limit China from launching a trade war against ten united economies.

Words to look out for

Anonymous:

- **Synonyms:** unknown, nameless, incognito
- **Antonyms:** known, identified, famous
- **Word usage:** The college received an anonymous gift.

Probe:

- **Synonyms:** investigate, examine, study
- **Antonyms:** absurd, basis, deficient
- **Word usage:** He didn't like the police probing into his past.

Concerted:

- **Synonyms:** cooperative, joint, conjunct
- **Antonyms:** separate, unilateral, bridled
- **Word usage:** After spreading terror through Calabria, he crossed over to Sicily, where he concerted further attacks on the French.

Article Link: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/blogs/toi-editorials/virus-detectives-unite-only-a-joint-probe-by-major-nations-including-india-into-covid-origin-can-hold-china-accountable/>

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