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Seeing the villagers leap into the river, the Health Department team requested the villagers to come out but the villagers were not ready to move out.

Later, Ramnagar SDM Rajiv Shukla and Nodal Officer Rahul Tripathi reached the spot and told the villagers that would not be vaccinated, only after which they came out of the river.

Regional Indian media is full of such incidents. There is a very high level of vaccine hesitancy mostly in rural India.

There are also cases where the Vaccination Team is not even allowed to enter the village. On the other hand in many villages the Health Team members were beaten up with sticks and stones.

In a village in Gujarat, the entire vaccination drive had to be stopped after the villagers demanded that the government take responsibility if anything happens to them after being vaccinated.

The Indian government advertises its policy to contain COVID-19 as the world's largest vaccination drive. However, it keeps the data on adverse events and deaths after vaccination a top secret. Moreover, there is [no online registry to report post-vaccination deaths or adverse effects](#) in India.

Meanwhile, a former member of the National Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation [has filed a petition in the Supreme Court of India to make public the clinical trials data and](#)

[post vaccination adverse events data](#) which is being kept secret by the government.

The petition states that in other countries, this type of observation has helped identify the occurrence of [blood clots and strokes in vaccine recipients](#).

To counter media reports on vaccine hesitancy in India, the government has engaged Ogilvy, a PR, advertisement firm, to [plant stories on the 'perfect implementation' of Ayushman Bharat scheme](#).

Ogilvy was also hired by the current government for an image makeover to win 2014 election. Our long time readers would remember the origins of Ogilvy come from British Intelligence and specifically the psychological warfare techniques they employed during World War 2.

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