

# Alliance Against Conflict of Interest (AACI)

## **CONVENER**

Dr. Arun Gupta  
9899676306  
[arun.ibfan@gmail.com](mailto:arun.ibfan@gmail.com)

## **FOUNDER MEMBERS**

Ankita Aggarwal  
[aggarwal.ankita87@gmail.com](mailto:aggarwal.ankita87@gmail.com)

Chander Uday Singh  
[chander@vsnl.com](mailto:chander@vsnl.com)

Dipa Sinha  
[dipasinha@gmail.com](mailto:dipasinha@gmail.com)

J.P. Dadhich  
[jpdadhich@gmail.com](mailto:jpdadhich@gmail.com)

Jacob Puliyeel  
[puliyeel@gmail.com](mailto:puliyeel@gmail.com)

Kavita Srivastava  
[kavisriv@gmail.com](mailto:kavisriv@gmail.com)

Mira Shiva  
[mirashiva@gmail.com](mailto:mirashiva@gmail.com)

Navdeep Singh Khaira  
[nkhaira@yahoo.com](mailto:nskhaira@yahoo.com)

Omesh Bharti  
[bhartiomesb@yahoo.com](mailto:bhartiomesb@yahoo.com)

Radha Holla Bhar  
[radhahb@yahoo.com](mailto:radhahb@yahoo.com)

Sathyamala  
[sathyamala@yahoo.com](mailto:sathyamala@yahoo.com)

Vandana Prasad  
[chaukhat@yahoo.com](mailto:chaukhat@yahoo.com)

Vandana Shiva  
[vandana.shiva@gmail.com](mailto:vandana.shiva@gmail.com)

Sylvia Karpagam  
[sakie339@gmail.com](mailto:sakie339@gmail.com)

## **SECRETARIAT AACI**

BP-33, Pitampura,  
Pitampura, Delhi-110034.  
Tel: 011-42683059,  
Email: [aaci.india@gmail.com](mailto:aaci.india@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.aaci-india.org](http://www.aaci-india.org)

26, October 2020

**Dr. Harsh Vardhan,  
Hon'ble Union Minister of Health  
Government of India,  
Nirman Bhawan,  
New Delhi. 110001**

**Sub: Disclosure of conflicts of Interest in Writing by the Covid-19 related guideline committee members**

Dear Sir,

The Covid-19 pandemic has helped the public to familiarise themselves with the developments in the scientific field, whether it is diagnostic tests, drugs, or vaccines. The public is also observing the controversies in the field such as the competition and mutual criticism between vaccine firms and the disagreements among experts on the utility of plasma therapy, HCQ, and Remdesivir or other related matters. The notoriety of the retraction of scientific papers from Lancet and New England Journal of Medicine due to the evident fraud in the data on Covid treatment modalities is now infamous even among the common public.

Conflicts of interests among experts and policymakers have always been a serious concern in all sectors of the policymaking process. At the height of the pandemic, it is extremely important for us to maintain the public trust, for the successful implementation of the national and international policies and recommendations.

We would like to draw your attention to the fact that disclosure of Conflicts of interests in writing by the members of various committees formulating recommendations is a well-established procedure followed by reputed bodies such as the World Health Organisation. The WHO provides guidance and forms to declare interests. <https://www.who.int/about/ethics/declarations-of-interest>

It is extremely important for all the members of the Covid-19 related medical committees at the National and state levels to disclose their conflicts of interest in writing in the WHO format. Such disclosures must also be made available on the websites of the relevant organisations.

# Alliance Against Conflict of Interest (AACI)

## **CONVENER**

Dr. Arun Gupta  
9899676306  
[arun.ibfan@gmail.com](mailto:arun.ibfan@gmail.com)

## **FOUNDER MEMBERS**

Ankita Aggarwal  
[aggarwal.ankita87@gmail.com](mailto:aggarwal.ankita87@gmail.com)

Chander Uday Singh  
[chander@vsnl.com](mailto:chander@vsnl.com)

Dipa Sinha  
[dipasinha@gmail.com](mailto:dipasinha@gmail.com)

J.P. Dadhich  
[jpdadhich@gmail.com](mailto:jpdadhich@gmail.com)

Jacob Puliyeel  
[puliyeel@gmail.com](mailto:puliyeel@gmail.com)

Kavita Srivastava  
[kavisriv@gmail.com](mailto:kavisriv@gmail.com)

Mira Shiva  
[mirashiva@gmail.com](mailto:mirashiva@gmail.com)

Navdeep Singh Khaira  
[nskhaira@yahoo.com](mailto:nskhaira@yahoo.com)

Omesh Bharti  
[bhartiomesb@yahoo.com](mailto:bhartiomesb@yahoo.com)

Radha Holla Bhar  
[radhahb@yahoo.com](mailto:radhahb@yahoo.com)

Sathyamala  
[sathyamala@yahoo.com](mailto:sathyamala@yahoo.com)

Vandana Prasad  
[chaukhat@yahoo.com](mailto:chaukhat@yahoo.com)

Vandana Shiva  
[vandana.shiva@gmail.com](mailto:vandana.shiva@gmail.com)

Sylvia Karpagam  
[sakie339@gmail.com](mailto:sakie339@gmail.com)

## **SECRETARIAT AACI**

BP-33, Pitampura,  
Pitampura, Delhi-110034.  
Tel: 011-42683059,  
Email: [aaci.india@gmail.com](mailto:aaci.india@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.aaci-india.org](http://www.aaci-india.org)

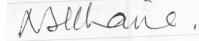
We look forward to your attention and appropriate action in this regard,

Sincerely,

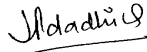
With kind regards,



Dr. Arun Gupta,  
Regional Coordinator International  
Baby Food  
Action Network (IBFAN Asia)



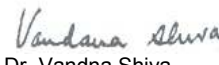
Dr. Navdeep Singh Khaira  
Director, Nephrology Division,  
Fortis Hospital, Ludhiana Punjab



Dr. J.P. Dadhich,  
National Coordinator, BPNI



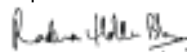
Dr. Mira Shiva  
Initiative for Health, Equity and  
Society (IHES)



Dr. Vandana Shiva  
Founder  
NAVDANYA



Chander Uday Singh,  
Senior Advocate,  
Supreme Court of India,



Radha Holla  
Campaign Coordinator,  
BPNI

Sathyamala



Dr. Vandana Prasad,  
Community Pediatrician,  
PHRN, and Jan Swasthya Abhiyan



Dr. Jacob Puliyeel  
Senior Pediatrician, St  
Stephens Hospital New Delhi.



Dr. Omesh Kumar Bharti  
M.B.B.S., D.H.M., M.A.E. (ICMR), (Epidemiology)  
Corporation Health Officer  
Municipal corporation, Shimla-1  
Himachal Pradesh

Sylvia Karpagam

## **Copy to**

**Dr. V K Paul, Member, Niti Aayog**

**Dr. Balram Barghava, DG ICMR**

**Sh Rajesh Bhushan, Secretary, MoHFW, GOI**

**Sh PK Sinha, Principal Advisor to PM, PMO**

**Dr. Renu Swarup, Secretary, DBT, Ministry of Science and Technology, GOI**