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Heart attack death cases: India's top drugmakers rally behind Covid vaccines



Amid reports of over 20 sudden heart attack deaths in Karnataka's Hassan district, India's leading pharmaceutical leaders have rallied in support of Covid-19 vaccines, urging the public not to link the tragic incidents to vaccination without scientific evidence.

Key industry voices such as Dilip Shanghvi (Sun Pharma), Pankaj Patel (Zydus Lifesciences), Satish Reddy (Dr. Reddy's), and Samir Mehta (Torrent Pharma) emphasized that India's vaccine approval process is rigorous, scientific, and globally respected. They noted that vaccines administered during the pandemic saved millions of lives, as supported by studies like the one in *The Lancet* estimating 3.4 million deaths averted in India in 2021 due to vaccination.

The Karnataka Health Department has formed an expert panel to investigate the deaths. Meanwhile, the Indian Vaccine Manufacturers Association and the Indian Pharmaceutical Alliance reaffirmed that Covid vaccines were evaluated through extensive preclinical and clinical trials, and certified by the Central Drugs Laboratory (CDL).

Experts cautioned that factors such as age, genetics, and lifestyle must also be considered before jumping to conclusions, and misinformation around vaccines could damage public health efforts.

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