

Study: Vaxxed elderly with comorbidity at higher risk

Boosters Must To Deal With Ebbing Antibodies

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Chennai: The antibodies acquired through vaccinations to protect people against Covid-19 ebb away early in people above 60 years of age, particularly those with comorbid conditions, increasing the risk of breakthrough infections by up to 15 times and risk of hospitalisation by up to 10 times, a study by scientists at the Directorate of Public Health has found.

The decline was also swifter in people injected with Covishield compared to those who had taken Covaxin or those who acquired the infection naturally.

The study, officials said, was initiated not to check the efficacy of the vaccines, but to study the waning antibodies. Until now, both vaccines have helped prevent severe infections requiring hospitals or deaths against all new variants.

“But the study showed the decay of antibodies is rapid in the elderly with comorbid conditions compared to young and healthy people. Age

THE STUDY IN BRIEF

WHY THE STUDY Antibodies are developed by the body in response to an infection or after vaccination. The study aimed to find out if antibodies ebb away in people who acquired natural infection and those who took the vaccine	WHO WERE TESTED 519 people who received treatment for Covid-19 or vaccines 52 people were unvaccinated - Of the 467 vaccinated, 85 said they were infected before vaccination	WHAT THE STUDY FOUND - Antibodies were waning quickly in people above 60 years with comorbid conditions - The risk of breakthrough infection up by 15 times and risk of hospitalisation up by 10 times in the elderly with comorbid conditions - The risk was particularly higher among people who have taken Covishield
What it recommends Booster shots after two doses of vaccination		

and underlying comorbidities such as diabetes or hypertension were independently associated with breakthrough infections,” said director of public health Dr T S Selva-
vinayagam, who is one of the authors of the yet-to-be peer-reviewed study.

While publication of the study in a medical journal may take some time, officials say they had adequate strands of evidence to push for boosters at least among the elderly, he said.

“With a threat of new infections, we may need more people to take booster doses,” he said. Sadly more than 1.5 crore people in the state have evaded the first and second dose of the vaccine, he added. For the study, a team of public health officials from Tamil Nadu worked with scientists

at Central University of Tamil Nadu, universities in Malaysia and Linköping University in Sweden, investigated the factors associated with antibody decay in 519 people who received treatment for Covid-19 or vaccines — Covishield or Covaxin — in Chennai from March 2021. Among these 52 people were unvaccinated. This includes 25 people who tested positive for the viral infection and 27 others who were not infected. Among the 467 people who were vaccinated, 85 people said they were infected before vaccination.

Among the 259 people who were administered Covishield, 82 reported infections post-vaccination and among 208 who received Covaxin, 67 people had breakthrough infections.

Blood samples were collected during regular follow-up post-infection/vaccination and were tested for antibodies (anti-SARS-CoV-2 IgG). “With every month, there was a reduction of six units of antibodies in people who took Covishield,” said the study’s corresponding author Dr Sivados Raju, who also heads the state public health laboratory.

“Among people who were above 60 years of age, the decay rate was accelerated decay rate, where each day of lapse was associated with a decrease of IgG by a coefficient of 23 units,” he said. High decay, however, was observed among participants who received Covishield, but not among those who received Covaxin or those who had a history of recovery from a natural SARS-CoV-2 infection, he added.

CR’S LONG-DISTANCE TRAINS COME OF AGE 64% WILL HAVE GERMAN COACHES BY FY-END

Central Railway (CR) plans to incorporate 100 German LHB-type rakes in its rolling stock this financial year. LHB coaches are much safer and comfortable compared to conventional coaches. Manthan K Mehta reports

TRANSFORMATION

LHB Stands for the German firm Linke-Hofmann-Busch (renamed Alstom LHB). Manufactured by Rail Coach Factory (RCF), Kapurthala. Used in long-distance trains

TRANSFORMATION

Total trains (pressed into service; total rakes number 154)
103 LHB Trains (rakes 76) **Conventional ICF* trains** (rakes 78)
56 **47**
*Integral Coach Factory, Chennai

LHB trains make up 54.4% of CR’s rolling stock and LHB rakes 49.4%. After this year’s conversions, LHB trains will number 68 and rakes 100, accounting for 66% trains and 65% rakes

NEW COACHES SAFER FOR TRAVEL

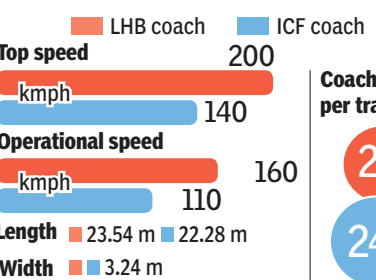
Anti-collision | It means they do not crash into one another in case of an accident

Anti-climbing | They will not climb on top of one another in case of a collision

Anti-telescopic | They will not get turned over or flip in case of a collision

With disc brakes | Each coach has an advanced pneumatic disc brake system, especially meant to work at higher speeds

Compared to the traditional coaches currently used on trains [by Integral Coach Factory (ICF), Chennai] LHB ones are lighter and safer, and have higher carrying capacity, speed potential and life. The coaches are...



NE riots case: Cops rapped over apathy towards FSL results

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New Delhi: A Delhi court pulled up the police for sending case properties related to northeast Delhi riots to forensics for examination purpose but not bothering after that about the status of the examination.

Additional sessions judge Pulastya Prama-
chala asked senior officials of Delhi Police, as a wake-up call, to take sufficient required steps to do the needful at the earliest.

The court noted that in the chargesheet filed in a riots case, the investigating officer (IO) had mentioned that certain case exhibits were sent to FSL for examination, but the prosecution did not bother to inform the court about the results of those examinations.

Special public prosecutor RCS Bhadoria, appearing for the police, said that the report from FSL was awaited and the IO was being asked to find out the status of the same.

The judge said that before the trial was being concluded by the court, the IO and prosecution were duty bound to take timely steps to obtain such material as well to inform the court.

“In several other cases, I have found a report

in the supplementary chargesheet or in the main chargesheet regarding certain case exhibits been sent for examination purpose, but after filing of such chargesheet, no one is bothering on behalf of the investigating agency

COURT SAYS

The fact remains that before the trial was being concluded by the court, the IO and the prosecution were duty bound to take timely steps to obtain such material as well to inform the court

or prosecution to get the latest status of such examination or to get report of such examination or to even inform the court about the status of such examination. This might be the situation in other cases of riot as well,” the judge said in an order on June 9.

It asked Delhi Police to take necessary steps in all such cases which relate to the riots in 2020 and which are pending before the court at different stages. The matter will be heard next on July 15.

No tax on compensation for bullet train land: HC

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Mumbai: The Bombay High Court has held that the income received by a woman whose plot in Thane was acquired by the National High Speed Rail Corporation for the Mumbai-Ahmedabad bullet train project through private negotiations and sale deed is exempted from income tax.

“The corporation had already deducted the TDS — in

2019 — which it ought not to have deducted,” said the HC bench of Justices S V Gangapurwala and MG Sewlikar on Thursday.

The HC directed the rail corporation to issue a correction and declare that it has wrongly deducted the tax and said that the Income Tax department shall then process the correction statement for refund of the tax amount. Thane resident Seema Patil had assailed the corporation’s

action in deducting income tax at source from the compensation paid for the land acquisition in Bhiwandi, Thane.

Her counsel said in such a compulsory acquisition for a public project, the amount received was not taxable as the 2013 Right to Fair Compensation Act carved an exemption. But the rail corporation said it was taxable as it was a private transaction and thus not a compulsory acquisition under the Act.

5 killed in road accident in Rajasthan

Jaipur, Jun 11 (PTI) Five people were killed and two injured when a motorcycle and a car collided head-on with a truck in Rajasthan’s Jhalawar district on Saturday, police said.

The deceased were identified as Neelish, Manish, Sonu, Balam and Durga Singh, they said.

Station House Officer, Asnawar, Harwant Singh Randhawa said a motorcycle and a car collided with a truck that was coming from the opposite direction near Akodia village on National Highway 52. Three people travelling on the motorcycle and two car passengers died in the accident.

Two other car passengers were injured, he said. PTI

Coming out is a personal choice. You don’t have to unless you’re ready

Studies have shown that many members of the LGBTQ community struggle with mental health issues. To mark Pride Month, TOI’s Talk It Out series invites psychiatrist Dr Avinash DeSousa to answer some queries

■ Recently, I realised I am gay. Since then, I’ve been debating whether I should come out to my friends and family. I don’t want to hide who I am, but at the same time, I get very anxious that they may react negatively and reject me. Please help.

You need to realise that it is not always important or necessary to come out. Ask yourself why you want to come out — for yourself or for others to accept you. Remember coming out is a personal process. It is always smoother when there is no mental turmoil and when there is adequate social support available. The environment around you should be conducive to coming out. You can speak to family and friends and first check whether their views are LG-BTQ+ friendly or homophobic in any way. Remember to accept that people can have negative views when you come out, but you need to ignore them and stay close to those who are supportive. You can seek a therapist’s help to get guidelines on the coming out process, take your time and then make a decision whenever you are ready.

■ Some time back, I confided in a few colleagues that I was gay. On that day, everyone seemed to be open and supportive. However, since then I’ve noticed other people in the office smirking at me or gossiping about my appearance and personal life. This year, I didn’t get the promotion I was overdue for despite meeting all my performance targets. This has left me disheartened. Should I change my job or raise a complaint? Please help.

Workplace discrimination after coming out as gay is not uncommon. One must seek help from the HR department and raise a complaint. Talk to your im-



mediate senior and boss about the issue as well. Ask for the reasons for not being considered for a promotion and see if there is substance in them. Talk to colleagues who have been positive and express what you feel, letting them know that you are aware of what has been happening. The whole idea is to be assertive and not express your vulnerable side. At the same time, you may look at workplaces that are sensitive and friendly to members of the LG-BTQ+ community. A change in the workplace is suggested only when there is stagnation and no progress despite your best efforts being put in the job.

■ I’ve suspected for a while that I am bisexual but haven’t had the courage to accept it. When I tried talking to a couple of close friends about this, they said I was just confused. I’m looking for a trustworthy therapist to help me navigate this issue but I’m afraid that I might be judged or worse, outed. How can I find a queer-friendly therapist?

When you search for a therapist, please ask them upfront whether they have been dealing with bisexual clients and members of the LGBTQ+ community. Also check whether they have experience in handling issues that confront such clients. They must be trained and adept in handling such issues. There are organisations like Health Professionals for Queer Individuals (HPQI) that have lists of therapists and mental health professionals and doctors of various specialties that are LGBTQ+ friendly. There are also various non-governmental organisations working with the com-

munity, which provide therapists that queer-friendly. There are organisations like Talk To Me that handle such clients at a minimal fee which can be waived off if needed and free helplines like iCall (9152987821), the Naz Foundation (011-47504630/9810140673) and Humsafar Trust (9930095856). The important thing is seeking help when needed.

■ I am 16. Ever since I was in middle school, I’ve been bullied for being different. My classmates tease me for liking boys and being effeminate, make lewd jokes and exclude me from games. I feel sad and that no one understands me. I don’t want to go to school anymore. I can’t tell my parents, because they won’t understand. How do I deal with this?

Whenever bullying happens, you must bring it to the notice of school authorities and your parents. Many teenagers feel that in doing so they appear weak, and they are involving elders when there is no need to do so. It is vital to understand that when bullying happens and you are the victim, you always need help, in the form of emotional support and also authoritative support in handling bullies. By complaining, you are not weak but rather standing up and being assertive. You must speak to the school counsellor about what you’ve experienced. The counsellor may have to address the matter at a school and classroom level to make sure that children respect your feelings. Remember that bullying should not affect your sense of self-esteem and also not make you feel negative or ashamed of your sexuality. Names avoided on request

11-yr-old boy sodomised in UP

Gonda (UP): An 11-year-old boy was allegedly sodomised in a village under Mankapur police station area of the district here, police said on Saturday.

According to the police complaint, the boy had accompanied his grandfather to his field on Friday night. After a while, the child’s grandfather went home for dinner leaving him behind. A local resident came there and upon finding the boy alone, he allegedly sodomised him, the complaint said. PTI



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Entities regulated by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) are required to provide expeditious resolution to complaints received from their customers.

Complaints not resolved to the satisfaction of the customers or complaints not responded to within 30 days of lodgment can be filed on the **RBI’s Complaint Management System (CMS) Portal** at <https://cms.rbi.org.in>. Complaints can also be filed at Centralised Receipt and Processing Centre (CRPC), 4th Floor, Reserve Bank of India, Sector -17, Central Vista, Chandigarh — 160017 through physical means or by email at crpc@rbi.org.in.

All the maintainable complaints are taken up for resolution under the “Reserve Bank – Integrated Ombudsman Scheme, 2021” (RB-IOS) if the entity complained against falls under the ambit of RB-IOS. Complaints against entities outside the ambit of RB-IOS are handled by Consumer Education and Protection Cells (CEPCs). The RB-IOS, list of entities falling under RB-IOS and those outside its ambit and the addresses of CEPCs are available on the CMS Portal.

Information on grievance redress mechanism of RBI can also be obtained 24X7 at 14448, a toll-free number. The facility to speak to our executives is available from 9:30 AM to 5:15 PM from Monday to Friday (except bank holidays).

2. Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC)

(For complaints against DICGC, members of public can lodge the complaint at following address/e-mail Id)

Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC)

The General Manager
DICGC, Complaint Redressal Cell
RBI Building, 2nd Floor, Opp. Mumbai Central Railway Station
Mumbai - 400 008.

Complainant can also approach Smt. Sangita E, Deputy General Manager on Telephone No. 022- 23026400 Ext. No. 8205 or through generic e-mail dicgc@rbi.org.in.

Important Information

Note 1: Before lodging any complaint under the RB-IOS/CEPC, the complainant must approach the concerned regulated entity (viz. his bank, NBFC and/or the payment system participant, etc.) with the grievance. If the grievance is not redressed within 30 days or if complainant is not satisfied with the reply given by the regulated entity, he/she can approach the RBI-Ombudsman / CEPC anytime within one year of receipt of such reply from the concerned bank / NBFC / system participant. In case no reply is received from the bank / NBFC / system participant, RBI-Ombudsman can be approached anytime within one year and one month from the date of representation to the entity.

Note 2- For written/email complaints, the complainant MUST necessarily indicate his/ her name, address and present contact number along with full details of the complaint.

Appeal against decision of RBI-Ombudsman

Appeal against the decision of RBI-Ombudsman **can be filed online on CMS Portal** or sent to the **Appellate Authority, Reserve Bank of India, Consumer Education and Protection Department, Central Office, 1st Floor, Amar Building, Sir P M Road, Fort, Mumbai 400 001** (E-mail - aaos@rbi.org.in) within **30 days** of receipt of the communication of the RBI-Ombudsman’s decision, only if the complaint is closed under the appealable Clauses of the Scheme.

E-Auction Sale Notice under IBC, 2016.

Notice for Sale of Assets

Power Televentures Private Limited

CIN : U51395MP2005PTC017738
Regd. Office : D-254, Rajat Vihar Colony, Hoshangabad Road, Bhopal 462043
Liquidator’s Office: A D B & Company, Chartered Accountants, 1st Floor, Mahavir Gauhala Complex, Moudhapara, Raipur (C.G.) – 492001

Sale of Assets of M/s Power Televentures Private Limited (In Liquidation) forming part of Liquidation Estate by the Liquidator appointed by the Hon’ble National Company Law Tribunal, Indore Bench at Ahmedabad vide order I.A. 222 of 2019 dated 18 November 2021. The sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform (<https://ncit.auction.auctiontiger.net>)

Auction	Description	Date & Time of E- Auction	EMD/Documents Submission Deadline	Reserve Price Bid Incre. Value
1.	Residential Flat	Date – 24th June 2022 Time – 01.00 PM to 03.00PM with unlimited extension of 05 minutes each.	Date – 23rd June 2022 Till 03:00 PM	20.00 Lakh 1.00 Lakh 1.00 Lakh

Date & Time of Inspection: From 13th June 2022 to 23rd June 2022 (from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM)

Terms & Conditions and details of the Auction can be obtained from Liquidator and will also be available on <https://ncit.auction.auctiontiger.net> For further details please get in touch with undersigned.

Date: 12.06.2022
Place: Raipur

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