

India's Supreme Court: No restrictions on Unvaccinated Individuals, No One Can be Forced to Take the Jab

The Supreme Court underlined that bodily autonomy and integrity are protected under Article 21 of the Constitution.

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The Supreme Court on Monday said that no person can be forced to get vaccinated against COVID-19 and directed the Central government to make public adverse effects of vaccination.

A bench of Justices L Nageswara Rao and BR Gavai said bodily autonomy and integrity are protected under Article 21 of the Constitution. The top court said the current COVID-19 vaccine policy cannot be said to be manifestly arbitrary and unreasonable.

"Till numbers are low, we suggest that relevant orders are followed and no restriction is imposed on unvaccinated individuals on access to public areas or recall the same if already not done," the bench said.

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The apex court also directed the Union of India to publish reports on adverse events of vaccines from the public and doctors on a publicly accessible system without compromising the data of individuals.

The court delivered the judgement on a plea filed by Jacob Puliyl seeking directions for

disclosure of data on clinical trials of COVID-19 vaccines and post-jab cases.

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