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New epidemiology units must be established at the district and block levels in Rajasthan, with a focus on surveillance and control along with logistic plans for the storage and distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine, an eminent public health expert said here on Wednesday, adding that the State should also revive health communication structures for alerting people about risks to their well-being.

Daya Krishan Mangal, who served in the Directorate of Health Services and worked with UNFPA's Indian Country Office, told *The Hindu* that the experience of the pandemic had highlighted the need for having trained health workers and epidemiologists at all levels, who would have managed the crisis in a "much better way"