

Major Healthcare & Policy Developments

1. Global Healthcare Summit in Odisha

- The *American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (AAPI)* will host a **Global healthcare summit** at KIMS in Bhubaneswar from *Jan 9*, bringing experts on diabetes, obesity, TB, critical care medicine and metabolic health to discuss collaboration and innovation.

2. Opposition to Medical Council Expansion in Telangana

- The medical community in Telangana is opposing a government order that expands the state medical council to include more bureaucrats — doctors say this undermines professional autonomy and decision-making.

3. Policy Commentary on Indian Healthcare Challenges

- Opinion pieces stress reclaiming the “*soul of healthcare*” amid concerns about commercialization and ensuring equitable access.

4. Cutting Medical Device Imports

- The central government invited proposals under a **₹500 crore scheme to reduce dependence on imported medical devices**, boost domestic med-tech production and support clinical studies.

5. Recruitment Boost in Uttar Pradesh

- Uttar Pradesh plans a major **medical recruitment drive in 2026**, with ~1,200 jobs in teaching and technical posts in government medical colleges to strengthen education and services.
- Expanded details show **1,112 assistant professors, professors, pharmacy lecturers, and over 1,200 nursing officers** to be appointed soon.

6. RIMS Ranchi Expansion Roadmap

- **Rajendra Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS), Ranchi** is rolling out a 2026 roadmap including a *new ICU, enhanced cancer care facilities*, and overall infrastructure strengthening.

Public Health & Care Challenges

7. Mental Health Access Gaps Highlighted

- Over **80 % of people with mental illness in India are not receiving timely care**, with stigma, lack of awareness, and shortage of professionals in rural areas major barriers. Experts call for stronger community-based services and better integration of mental health into primary care.

Other Relevant Developments

8. India's First Govt AI Clinic (Expanded Coverage)

- The *Government Institute of Medical Sciences (GIMS) in Noida* launched the **first government-run AI clinic** to use artificial intelligence and genetic screening for early detection & tailored treatment of serious diseases (cancer, cardiac, kidney, liver). AI tools will analyze imaging, lab results and help precision care.

9. Ayush Export Growth

- Ayush/herbal product exports grew **6.11 % in 2024–25 to \$688.9 million**, reflecting rising global demand for traditional health products.

Other Health Notes from Jan 4-5 (Secondary Stories)

- **AIIMS Delhi Ashray facility** launched to support OPD patients waiting for treatment.
- Health infrastructure and workforce expansion remain top priorities in 2026 health agendas.