

## 1. India's Childhood Obesity Crisis Rising

- A new **World Obesity Atlas 2026** report released on **World Obesity Day (4 March)** shows that **India now ranks second globally in the number of overweight or obese children**, after China.
- Experts warn this trend may increase the burden of **diabetes, cardiovascular diseases, and metabolic disorders** in the coming decades.

## 2. Generic Boom Expected for Semaglutide in India

- With the **patent expiry of semaglutide in March 2026**, more than **50 generic brands** are expected to enter the Indian market.
- Semaglutide is widely used for **type-2 diabetes and obesity management**, so the move could **reduce treatment costs and increase access** for patients.

## 3. AIIMS Guwahati Conducts Disaster-Preparedness Workshop

- **AIIMS Guwahati** organised a **regional workshop on disaster-resilient hospitals** for the North-East.
- The programme trained healthcare professionals in **hospital disaster management, emergency response systems, and resilient infrastructure planning**.

#### **4. Doctor and Health Worker Assaulted in Maharashtra**

- A **doctor and health worker were assaulted** at a primary health centre in **Wardha district, Maharashtra**, after relatives of a patient alleged inadequate treatment.
- Police have registered a case, highlighting ongoing concerns about **violence against healthcare professionals in India**.

#### **5. Controversy Over Senior Resident Postings**

- In **West Bengal**, the health department released a list of **930 postgraduate doctors for senior resident postings**.
- The decision sparked controversy because the postings were made **without merit-based counselling**, which doctors' groups criticized.