



Cough Syrup Safety Under Scrutiny

Authorities continue probing the deaths of nine children in central India allegedly linked to contaminated cough syrup manufactured by a Tamil Nadu-based company. Laboratory tests revealed excessive levels of diethylene glycol (DEG), a toxic chemical. In response, the Union Health Ministry has directed all states and union territories to ensure rational use of cough syrups and enhance quality surveillance measures across the supply chain.



CGHS Procedure Rates Revised

The Health Ministry has announced a major revision of rates for nearly 2,000 procedures under the Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS). The updated structure, effective from 13 October 2025, introduces differential pricing based on hospital accreditation, city tier, and patient category. The revision aims to make reimbursements more rational and uniform while encouraging hospitals to maintain quality standards.



Six Killed in Jaipur Hospital Fire

A tragic fire in the trauma centre of a government hospital in Jaipur claimed six lives. Patients were reportedly trapped as smoke spread rapidly through the building. An official inquiry has been ordered to determine the cause and to review safety measures in government health facilities.



Jaundice Outbreak in Andhra Pradesh School

Two students died and over a hundred were affected by jaundice and viral fever symptoms at a residential school in Parvathipuram Manyam district, Andhra Pradesh. Health officials suspect contaminated drinking water as the source. Medical teams have been deployed to screen all students, provide treatment, and install an RO water purification system to prevent further spread.



Fake Clinics Busted Amid “Mystery Fever” Outbreak

Six people, including unqualified medical practitioners and a lab operator, were arrested in Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh, for running fake clinics and issuing fraudulent lab reports during an outbreak of a “mystery fever.” The accused reportedly manipulated platelet count results to exploit patients seeking treatment for suspected dengue or viral fever.



Three New Medical Colleges for Chhattisgarh

The Chhattisgarh government has sanctioned ₹1,077 crore for establishing new government medical colleges in Janjgir-Champa, Kawardha, and Manendragarh districts. The initiative aims to improve healthcare access and expand medical education infrastructure in underserved regions of the state.



Rajasthan to Label High-Risk Medicines

Following incidents involving dextromethorphan-based cough syrups, the Rajasthan government plans to label medicines that pose potential risks to children and pregnant women. Under the new directive, such medicines distributed through government schemes will carry specific warnings. A doctor and pharmacist in Sikar have also been suspended for violating existing syrup prescription norms.



WHO–India Agreement on Traditional Medicine Summit

The World Health Organization and the Government of India have signed an agreement to co-host the Second Global Summit on Traditional Medicine in New Delhi from 17–19 December 2025. The event will focus on integrating evidence-based traditional practices into global health systems.



India's Healthcare Hub Vision

Union Minister Jitendra Singh reiterated that India is poised to become a global hub for affordable and high-quality healthcare. He highlighted the nation's growing self-reliance in medical device production and biotechnology innovation.

Community Health Initiatives

- **A free health camp in Hyderabad provided screenings and medicines to over 330 slum residents.**
- **The Andhra Pradesh Health Department proposed a ₹33.8 crore plan to strengthen de-addiction centres across the state.**
- **In Chennai, government hospitals launched “MedLEaPR,” a digital platform to streamline medico-legal and postmortem documentation for greater transparency.**