

1) Scrub Typhus Under-Diagnosis Rising in Andhra Pradesh

- Doctors in Andhra Pradesh report increasing cases where scrub typhus is being missed because the typical *eschar* lesion is absent.
 - Delayed diagnosis has led to severe complications, including multi-organ dysfunction and respiratory distress.
 - Experts advise initiating doxycycline/azithromycin based on **clinical suspicion** without waiting for lab confirmation when the disease is likely.
 - Significant rise in cases recorded in Visakhapatnam, Tirupati and peri-urban regions.
 - Public advised to avoid mite exposure and ensure pet hygiene.
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2) Ozempic Expected to Launch in India This Month

- Novo Nordisk preparing to launch **semaglutide (Ozempic)** in India in December 2025.
 - The drug will compete with tirzepatide (Mounjaro), currently India's highest-value diabetes medication.
 - Expected to expand treatment options for type 2 diabetes and obesity management.
 - Strong demand anticipated due to India's rising metabolic disease burden.
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3) Alarming Rise in Superbugs Across India

- ICMR's latest AMR surveillance shows increasing resistance to commonly used antibiotics.
- Over 1 lakh samples reviewed highlight declining effectiveness of routine antibiotics.

- Experts call for urgent antibiotic stewardship, avoiding self-medication, and strengthening infection control.
 - Hospitals warned to upgrade antibiograms and review empirical therapy protocols.
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4) Childhood Hypertension Rates Doubling

- New global data shows childhood and adolescent hypertension has nearly doubled in two decades.
 - Indian school screenings reflect similar prevalence, especially among overweight children.
 - Many cases remain undetected due to lack of routine BP checks in children.
 - Specialists advise early lifestyle interventions and screening of high-risk groups.
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5) HPV Vaccine Access to Improve

- Indian Medical Association planning phased expansion of HPV vaccination availability across states.
 - Aim: improve cervical cancer prevention and bring vaccines within affordable range.
 - Rollout to prioritise adolescents and high-risk populations.
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6) Rising Cancer Burden in Urban India

- Latest reports highlight year-on-year increase in cancer incidence in major metros including Delhi.
- Lifestyle factors, pollution, and late diagnosis remain primary contributors.
- Experts stress need for early screening programs.