



Major Incidents & Health Crises

- A fire broke out in the trauma intensive care unit (ICU) of Sawai Man Singh (SMS) Hospital in Jaipur, killing at least six patients and leaving five others in critical condition. The blaze likely began as a short circuit and spread rapidly, releasing toxic gases. The hospital evacuated 13 patients safely; the cause and response protocols are under investigation.
 - In Andhra Pradesh, Primary Health Center (PHC) doctors continue their strike, demanding that the state guarantee the in-service quota of 20% for postgraduate medical seats through 2030. The government had offered the 20% quota for 2025 but has not committed to a longer duration.
 - In Jaipur (Rajasthan), following the cough syrup–related fatalities, authorities have begun labelling medicines in the state’s free drug scheme that might pose risks for children and pregnant women. Additionally, a doctor and pharmacist were suspended for prescribing banned syrups to a toddler.
 - The National Stock Exchange (NSE) is funding a new 60-bed bone marrow transplant and cancer specialty block at Tata Memorial Centre’s ACTREC campus. The investment (~₹380 crore) is expected to expand transplant capacity and outpatient services significantly.
 - In Hyderabad’s Kompally area, a free medical camp served over 330 slum residents and construction workers, offering screenings for hypertension, respiratory problems, dental issues, and providing free medicines.
 - The Punjab government has agreed to deploy security guards at public health facilities (district hospitals, sub-divisional hospitals, and community health centres) starting 6 October 2025, in response to demands from medical staff associations.
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Policy, Finance & System Changes

- Shares of major private hospital chains (Apollo Hospitals, Fortis, Max Healthcare) saw gains—up to 5%—after the government announced revised rates for nearly 2,000 medical procedures under the CGHS, effective 13 October. The market response signals expectations of higher reimbursements.
 - In Andhra Pradesh, the health department has drafted proposals worth about ₹33.80 crore to upgrade and strengthen de-addiction centres across the state. Plans include equipment, infrastructure upgrades, staffing incentives, and awareness efforts.
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Disease Outbreak / Health Alerts

- In Parvathipuram Manyam (AP), a jaundice / viral fever outbreak at a residential school has claimed two student lives. Over 600 students were screened; ~120 showed symptoms. Contaminated water is suspected. Severe cases have been shifted to Visakhapatnam for care.
- The investigation into contaminated cough syrup deaths continues. The link to diethylene glycol contamination has sparked intensified regulatory action and scrutiny of other syrups in circulation. (This builds on ongoing news from previous days.)