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- The Union Health Ministry has revised rates under the Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) for nearly 2,000 medical procedures. The new structure is tier-based by hospital accreditation, city, and hospital type, and will come into effect from 13 October 2025.
 - The 19th FICCI HEAL 2025 healthcare conference is scheduled for 8–9 October in New Delhi. Health Minister J. P. Nadda, along with other dignitaries, will address issues such as AI in healthcare.
 - A major pharmaceutical investment: Eli Lilly announced plans to inject over US\$1 billion into India to expand drug manufacturing capacity, especially for therapies in obesity, diabetes, Alzheimer's, cancer, and autoimmune diseases.
 - Maps from a global risk analysis suggest India could face the largest long-term burden of chikungunya globally, calling for strengthened surveillance and preventive planning.
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- Several states have moved to ban or restrict pediatric cough syrups amid reports of child deaths in Madhya Pradesh linked to contaminated syrups:
 - Karnataka has prohibited prescribing or dispensing cough and cold syrups to children under two years of age.
 - Jharkhand has issued a ban on three syrups—Coldrif, Respifresh, and Relife—pending investigations.

- In Madhya Pradesh, the case has escalated: authorities are now probing potential links between a doctor under investigation and a pharmacy operated by his family.
- The Indian Medical Association (IMA) has condemned the arrest of a doctor in the cough syrup case, saying that physicians cannot be held responsible for contamination that was unknown at the time of prescribing.
- In Kozhikode, Kerala, a 6-year-old girl was diagnosed with primary amoebic meningoencephalitis (PAM) — a rare and often fatal brain infection caused by *Naegleria fowleri*. Several other patients are under treatment.
- In Bijnor, Uttar Pradesh, a fever outbreak has afflicted about 90 % of residents in a village, with one fatality. Early investigations suggest typhoid or viral fever, and public health teams have been deployed to contain it.
- In Gujarat, a recent analysis shows an alarming rise in diabetes among children: 2.9 % prevalence in ages 10–19 (among the highest for large states), against a national average of ~0.6 %.
- In Turakapalem village, Guntur district (Andhra Pradesh), a woman died of complications from uncontrolled diabetes. This is the first death in the village after a month's hiatus, following a period when melioidosis had drawn attention there.