

1. Major health innovation push in Uttar Pradesh

- **Uttar Pradesh government** announced a **₹2000 crore initiative** to expand use of **artificial intelligence in healthcare**, aiming to improve diagnostics, telemedicine, data-driven disease control (including TB, encephalitis), and health service delivery. This includes AI tech centres and partnerships with institutions like IIT Kanpur.

2. AI & Health Innovation Conference inaugurated

- A **two-day AI and health innovation conference** began in **Lucknow**, focusing on integration of artificial intelligence into healthcare delivery. It brings together policymakers, healthcare professionals, tech experts, and global partners to explore AI tools for diagnostics, telemedicine and public health infrastructure.

3. Indian Navy to run multi-speciality medical camp

- The **Indian Navy** plans a **Joint Services Multi-Speciality Medical Camp** in **Lakshadweep** from *12–16 January 2026*. This outreach aims to improve access to healthcare services in remote island communities.

4. Mental health ministry spotlight

- The **Catholic Church in India** has launched a health initiative to tackle **mental illness** as a growing health concern, indicating increasing engagement of community organizations in mental health advocacy and support.

Other contextual health updates

Swine flu (H1N1) infections are rising in parts of India including Delhi, Kerala and others, prompting public health reminders about symptoms and prevention during peak flu season. Public health infrastructure efforts continue in rural health centres (vaccination drives, maternal health services) as local officials review service delivery outcomes.