



1. India Highlights Self-Reliance in Medical Device Manufacturing

- The **9th India Medical Device Conference 2026** was held on **7–8 August** with a focus on strengthening India's domestic MedTech ecosystem.
- The conference highlighted:
 - Indigenous medical-device innovation
 - Domestic manufacturing
 - Investment and technology development
 - Reducing dependence on imported medical devices
- Union Health Minister J. P. Nadda highlighted “**Atmanirbhar MedTech**” as an important part of India's healthcare development strategy.

👉 **Healthcare Insight:** A stronger domestic medical-device industry can improve availability of essential technologies while supporting innovation and affordability.



2. India Continues to Expand Postgraduate Medical Education

- India now has **86,360 postgraduate medical seats**, according to the Union Health Ministry.
- Karnataka has the highest number of PG medical seats among states, with **10,092 seats**.
- The continuing expansion is aimed at strengthening India's specialist workforce.

👉 **Medical Education Insight:** Increasing PG capacity is important for addressing specialist shortages, but equitable distribution of specialists remains a key challenge.



3. WHO South-East Asia Recognises Indian Public Health Champion

- **Dr K. Suresh Kumar of India** has been selected as one of the recipients of the **2026 WHO South-East Asia Regional Award for Public Health Champions**.
- The recognition highlights contributions to advancing public health in the region.

👉 **Public Health Insight:** Recognition of public-health professionals highlights the importance of sustained community-level interventions alongside clinical healthcare.



4. New Directors Appointed to AIIMS Jammu and AIIMS Bhopal

- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved new leadership for two major AIIMS institutions.
- **Dr Sanjeev Sinha** has been appointed Executive Director of **AIIMS Jammu**.
- **Dr Narendra Kotwal** has been appointed to lead **AIIMS Bhopal**.

👉 **Healthcare Administration:** Strong institutional leadership is important for strengthening clinical services, medical education, research and hospital administration.



5. India Pushes Indigenous MedTech Innovation

- The government continues to promote development of **home-grown medical technologies** through stronger links between researchers, manufacturers, clinicians and policymakers.
- The current focus includes creating an ecosystem where innovations can move from research and development into actual healthcare use.

👉 **Innovation Insight:** Faster translation of indigenous technology into clinical practice could improve India's healthcare self-reliance and create new opportunities for medical-device companies.



6. Meghalaya Strengthens Tobacco-Control Workforce

- **65 master trainers** from seven districts of Meghalaya have completed intensive training under the **MPOWER Training of Master Trainers Programme**.
- The programme is designed to strengthen capacity for tobacco-control activities and public-health interventions.

👉 **Public Health Insight:** Building trained local tobacco-control teams can strengthen implementation of prevention and cessation programmes at the community level.