

1. AIIMS–ISRO Collaboration for Space Medicine

- The **All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS)** and **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** have started a collaboration to conduct **space medicine research**.
- The project will study the **impact of microgravity on human health**, astronaut physiology, and medical support systems for India's future human spaceflight missions.

2. Telemedicine and Care Economy to Create Future Health Jobs

- **Narendra Modi** highlighted that **telemedicine, digital health, and the care economy** will play a major role in generating healthcare employment in India.
- Expansion of digital healthcare platforms is expected to improve **rural access to medical services** and create new healthcare-related jobs.

3. Recognition for Affordable Healthcare Initiatives

- **Jagat Prakash Nadda** honoured **Dr. Rukhsana Najeeb**, principal of Government Medical College Anantnag, for promoting **affordable healthcare services**.
- Her work helped strengthen the implementation of the **Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana**, which provides low-cost generic medicines to patients.

4. Growth Opportunities for Pharma and MedTech via Trade Agreements

- India's **Free Trade Agreements (FTAs)** are expected to expand global opportunities for the **pharmaceutical, healthcare, and**

medical-technology sectors.

- The government said these agreements provide access to a large share of global markets, strengthening India's role as the “**pharmacy of the world.**”

5. Medical Tourism Demand Shifts Towards India

- Global patient flows are increasingly shifting toward India due to **affordable treatments, skilled doctors, and modern hospitals.**
- Ongoing geopolitical issues in some regions are redirecting international patients to Indian hospitals for procedures like **cardiac surgery, oncology, and organ transplantation.**

6. Healthcare Talent Development Partnerships

- **Merck** partnered with **JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research (Mysuru)** to develop training programs for **future healthcare and life-science professionals**, strengthening India's biomedical talent pipeline