

## 1. New Medical College Services to Begin in Andhra Pradesh

- OPD services at **Piduguralla Government Medical College** to start from **May 1, 2026**
- Planned intake:
  - ~100 MBBS seats in upcoming academic year

### Clinical impact:

- Improves **regional healthcare access**
  - Strengthens **medical education infrastructure** in Andhra Pradesh
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## 2. Expansion of Medical Education – AIIMS Milestone

- **AIIMS Rajkot** to conduct its **first convocation (April 13, 2026)**
- First batch of MBBS graduates to receive degrees

### Significance:

- Reflects rapid expansion of **AIIMS network in India**
  - Boost to **tertiary care & research ecosystem**
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## 3. Addressing Faculty Shortage – Retirement Age Increased

- Himachal Pradesh government increased:
  - Retirement age of medical professors to **65 years** (temporary measure)
- Also expanding:
  - PG medical seats
  - Faculty recruitment

### Key takeaway:

- Tackles **shortage of experienced specialists**
  - Ensures continuity in **teaching & clinical care**
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#### 4. Digital Health Push – Real-Time Hospital Bed Tracking

- Mumbai civic body to launch:
  - **Real-time dashboard for hospital bed availability (including ICU)**
- Additional reforms:
  - Procurement via **GeM portal**
  - Expansion of hospital beds & super-specialty services

#### Clinical benefit:

- Reduces delays in **emergency admissions**
  - Enhances **transparency & patient navigation**
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#### 5. Preventive Healthcare Trend Accelerates

- Corporate health data shows:
  - **48% increase in annual health check-ups**
  - 2.5× rise in doctor consultations

#### Insight:

- Strong shift toward **preventive & continuous care models**
  - Early diagnosis becoming mainstream
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#### 6. Physiotherapy & Rehabilitation in Focus

- **PhysioCon 2026** begins (April 10)
- Theme:
  - Integration of **technology + human movement**

#### Clinical relevance:

- Growing role of:
    - Rehabilitation medicine
    - Functional recovery & mobility care
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## 7. Public Health Trend – Early Onset Lifestyle Diseases

- Reports highlight:
  - Diseases appearing **earlier and often asymptomatic**
- Drivers:
  - Sedentary lifestyle
  - Poor diet & stress

### Practice point:

- Emphasize:
  - **Screening + continuous monitoring + lifestyle modification**