

1. Two suspected *Nipah virus* cases reported in West Bengal

Health authorities in **West Bengal's North 24 Parganas district** have identified **two suspected Nipah virus infections** in healthcare workers, with the **central government on alert and aiding the state's response**. Confirmation testing and containment measures are underway given the high risk associated with Nipah.

👉 *Why it matters:* Nipah virus can cause severe respiratory and neurological disease with high fatality, so early detection and rapid public health action are critical.

2. AAPI Global Health Summit concludes in Odisha

The **American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin** wrapped up the **19th Global Health Summit 2026** in **Odisha**, focusing on **India–U.S. collaboration in medical research, training, public health delivery, and new technologies**. Discussions included strategies for healthcare system strengthening and addressing emerging diseases.

3. Major gap in cause-of-death registration highlighted

According to a new **ICMR report**, **only about 1 in 5 deaths in India has a medically certified cause**, meaning **nearly 80 % of deaths lack clear clinical documentation of why they occurred**. This highlights a critical public health data gap affecting planning and policy.

4. Rising medical costs & disability financial protection advice

With **medical expenses increasing**, financial experts highlighted ways **persons with disabilities can build stronger financial security** using health insurance, government schemes and emergency funds to cover rising treatment costs.

5. Free community health camp in Uttar Pradesh

In **Agra**, a **free health camp** offered **medical check-ups and medicines** to local patients through a community service initiative, aiming to improve access to routine care for underserved populations.