



Healthcare & Public-Health Developments

Telangana government rolls out ambitious health-initiative to combat liver disease and revamp health infra

- Telangana has launched a comprehensive health programme to fight non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD), while strengthening overall healthcare delivery, screening for non-communicable diseases (NCDs), maternal & child health, mental health and more — under its “Vision 2047”.
- Plans include universal NCD screening, cancer-care registry, better dialysis and maternal/childcare services, nutrition drives and expansion of mental-health & de-addiction support, with specially tailored outreach for rural and urban areas.

New bone-marrow transplant unit coming up at King George's Medical University (KGMU), Lucknow

- KGMU will soon open a bone-marrow transplant (BMT) unit for treating serious blood disorders such as leukemia, lymphoma, thalassemia and more. Initially, it will support about five patients, with structured post-transplant care.
- The centre — built via CSR funding — features HEPA-filtered sterile rooms and aims to offer transplant care at a cost significantly lower than private hospitals (estimated ₹7–10 lakh), making it a promising option for financially strapped patients.

Medi-Mold + OIC International invest in 3D-printed orthopedic implants manufacturing in Vizag

- A major investment (over ₹100 crore) has been announced to set up a high-tech manufacturing facility in Visakhapatnam, to produce 3D-printed orthopedic implants indigenously, reducing reliance on imports.
 - This move could strengthen India’s med-tech sector, boost availability of advanced implants, and reduce costs — potentially improving access to orthopedic care nationwide.
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Public Health Alerts & Concerns

Doctors warn of growing medical misinformation on social media — urge regulation

- Physicians in Bengaluru have raised serious concerns about the impact of unverified “wellness” advice online — detoxes, miracle cures, immunity boosters — leading to severe health consequences such as kidney damage, paralysis, poisoning.
- They call for stricter regulation, recommending that people rely only on evidence-based medical advice, consult licensed professionals, and avoid self-medicating based on viral content.

Spike in respiratory & viral infections among newborns tied to pollution, seasonal changes

- With dropping temperatures and rising air pollution, hospitals in Mumbai report a surge in cases of acute respiratory infections (ARIs) — even affecting newborns.
 - Health experts warn especially parents and caregivers to be alert: infants and children are more vulnerable to fluctuations in air quality and temperature, increasing risk of serious illness during winter months.
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Medical Policy & Health Systems Updates

Healthcare strike disrupts services in parts of Haryana

- In the state’s civil hospital (Sector 10A), around 55 doctors remained absent on the third day of strike called by the local medical association — leading to reduced services.
- The strike follows unresolved demands; government has partially addressed some — but not all — leading to a stalemate. Authorities have invoked regulatory measures and appealed to doctors to resume duty, citing public-health impact.

Launch of 'Cervical Cancer-Free Maharashtra' campaign — focus on prevention, early detection and vaccination

- In Pune, Maharashtra has launched the campaign to prevent cervical cancer — focusing on awareness, screening, and vaccination (HPV vaccine for girls aged 9–14). The campaign has already vaccinated thousands and plans to vaccinate more.
 - Health officials emphasise that cervical cancer — one of the most common cancers among Indian women — is largely preventable if caught early or vaccinated, making this a significant public-health push.
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What to Watch & What It Means

- The push by states like Telangana & institutions like KGMU reflects a broader trend of strengthening **infrastructure, preventive care and indigenous medical capabilities** — a positive sign for long-term healthcare access.
- At the same time — rise in misinformation-related illnesses and pollution-linked infections signal an urgent need for **public awareness, reliable health communication and preventive measures**, especially for vulnerable groups (children, elderly).
- The ongoing strike shows that **strains within healthcare workforce and policy conflicts** can directly impact public access to care — monitoring and resolution is critical.
- Preventive campaigns — like cervical-cancer vaccination — highlight the shift toward **early detection and prevention**, which could reduce disease burden substantially if scaled nationwide.