

1. WHO Issues Alert on Contaminated Cough Syrups

The World Health Organization has raised an alert over three Indian-manufactured cough syrups — Coldrif, Respifresh TR, and ReLife — after tests revealed dangerously high levels of diethylene glycol. These syrups are linked to child deaths in Madhya Pradesh. Indian regulators have initiated investigations and confirmed that the syrups were not exported.

2. Pharma Quality Control Failures Under Scrutiny

Following the recent cough syrup deaths, the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) has flagged serious lapses in testing and quality assurance across several pharmaceutical firms. Audits found that many manufacturers failed to test raw materials and final products adequately, prompting calls for stricter oversight and penalties.

3. NMC Bans Promotional Content During Live Surgeries

The National Medical Commission has announced new rules banning branding, marketing, or sponsorships during live surgery broadcasts. Such demonstrations must now serve only educational purposes, with strict requirements for patient consent and institutional ethics committee approval.

4. WHO Highlights Rising Antibiotic Resistance

A new WHO global surveillance report has warned that antimicrobial resistance continues to rise sharply. India remains one of the countries most affected due to high infection rates and inconsistent antibiotic regulation. The report emphasizes the urgent need for stewardship programs and responsible antibiotic use.

5. ICMR Study Links Metabolic Syndrome to Women's Cancer Risk

An ICMR study has found that women suffering from metabolic syndrome — involving obesity, hypertension, and abnormal lipid or glucose levels — have a significantly higher risk of developing gynecological cancers such as ovarian, uterine, and cervical cancer. Researchers stress the need for early metabolic screening in women's health programs.

6. Gamma Knife Facility Coming to Lucknow

Ram Manohar Lohia Institute of Medical Sciences in Lucknow is establishing a state-of-the-art Gamma Knife facility for non-invasive brain tumor treatment. The advanced radiotherapy unit is expected to be operational within six months and will cater to patients across North India.

7. Kerala Declares Snakebite a Public Health Priority

The Kerala government has officially classified snakebite envenomation as a public health priority. The move aims to enhance reporting, ensure timely antivenom supply, and improve rural emergency care infrastructure. The decision follows repeated incidents of preventable deaths due to delayed treatment.

8. Dengue Outbreak Persists in Bhopal's TT Nagar

Health officials in Bhopal have reported ongoing dengue and chikungunya cases in the TT Nagar area. Stagnant water and poor sanitation continue to fuel mosquito breeding despite repeated fogging drives. Local authorities are intensifying vector control and public awareness efforts.

9. Mobile Health Clinics in Sundarbans Win Global Recognition

A mobile healthcare project serving remote areas of the Sundarbans has received international recognition for improving access to medical care. The initiative delivers essential health services, chronic disease management, and maternal health support to isolated island communities.