



Health Policy & Government Initiatives

- **Inter-state portability of health insurance schemes** gathered pace, with several states announcing mechanisms to allow beneficiaries to receive **cashless treatment outside their home state**. This move complements the objectives of **Ayushman Bharat**, especially for migrant workers and patients seeking tertiary care.
 - **Traditional medicine (AYUSH systems)** received policy support through inclusion in international cooperation and trade frameworks, strengthening global outreach and export potential.
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Hospitals & Healthcare Institutions

- **PGIMER** was recognised again for its leadership in **health technology assessment**, supporting evidence-based and cost-effective healthcare decisions at the national level.
 - A new **Digestive Sciences Institute in Chennai** was inaugurated to provide integrated gastrointestinal and liver disease care, addressing the rising burden of lifestyle-related GI disorders.
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Medical Education & Workforce

- Discussions continued on **balanced expansion of MBBS and postgraduate seats**, with emphasis on faculty strength, infrastructure quality, and equitable regional distribution.
- Collaboration between **medical colleges, research institutes, and the MedTech industry** was highlighted as essential for skill development and

innovation.



Digital Health & Medical Technology

- Health-tech companies introduced **AI-enabled screening and monitoring tools** for preventive and workplace health.
 - Hospitals expanded use of **telemedicine, tele-ICU, and remote monitoring systems**, improving access to specialist care in tier-2 and tier-3 cities.
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Public Health & Environment

- Clinicians warned that **air pollution has become a year-round public-health challenge**, with increasing links to cardiovascular, respiratory, and neurological illnesses.
 - Experts stressed the need for stronger coordination between health, environment, and urban-development authorities.
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Disease Control & Research

- India participated in **regional tuberculosis diagnostic and training initiatives**, focusing on early detection and laboratory strengthening.
- Health authorities advised continued **surveillance for seasonal respiratory infections**, particularly among the elderly and high-risk groups.