

1. Major hospital fire in Odisha kills 10 patients

A massive fire broke out in the Trauma Care ICU of SCB Medical College and Hospital in Cuttack, Odisha, leading to the death of at least 10 patients and injuries to several hospital staff. Authorities have ordered an investigation into the cause and hospital safety protocols.

2. AI increasingly used as triage support in hospitals

According to the director of **AIIMS-Delhi**, artificial intelligence is being used to assist doctors in **screening and triage of patients**, especially in diagnostics. However, doctors still make the final clinical decisions and AI functions mainly as a support tool.

3. Weight-loss drug market expanding in India

Demand for **GLP-1 based anti-obesity drugs such as semaglutide** is increasing in India. With upcoming patent expiries, **several Indian pharmaceutical companies are preparing to launch cheaper generic versions**, which could significantly expand the obesity treatment market.

4. Doctors warn about misuse of weight-loss medications

Healthcare experts have raised concerns about **unsupervised use of diabetes and weight-loss drugs** in cities like Hyderabad. Doctors caution that these medicines should only be used under medical supervision due to possible side effects.

5. Delhi planning AIIMS-style integrated medical hub

The Delhi government plans to **merge three major hospitals—Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital, Delhi State Cancer Institute, and Rajiv Gandhi Super Speciality Hospital—into a single integrated medical hub** to improve specialty care and resource utilization.

6. National Vaccination Day observed in India

16 March is observed as National Vaccination Day in India to promote awareness about immunisation. The day commemorates the first oral polio vaccination campaign and highlights the importance of vaccines for both children and adults.

7. Rising UV exposure causing health issues

Doctors in Bengaluru report **increased skin and eye problems due to extremely high UV index levels**, advising people to take precautions such as sunscreen, protective eyewear, and limiting exposure during peak sunlight hours.

8. HPV vaccination push to prevent cervical cancer

India's government has initiated **HPV vaccination programmes for adolescent girls**, aiming to significantly reduce the burden of cervical cancer in the coming years.