



## Health Policy & Government Initiatives

- The Union government reviewed progress of **Ayushman Bharat**, focusing on beneficiary coverage, fraud control, and faster claim settlements to improve trust among hospitals and patients.
  - Policy discussions continued on **strengthening public health preparedness**, especially for seasonal respiratory illnesses and emerging infectious threats during winter months.
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## Hospitals & Healthcare Infrastructure

- Major government and private hospitals reported **capacity expansion in critical care and emergency services**, anticipating higher patient loads due to winter-related illnesses.
  - Several tertiary care centres announced upgrades in **diagnostic laboratories and imaging services**, aimed at reducing waiting times and improving early disease detection.
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## Medical Education & Regulation

- The **National Medical Commission** reiterated the need for **quality assurance in medical colleges**, stressing adequate faculty strength, clinical exposure, and infrastructure before approving new seats.
- Emphasis was placed on **continuing medical education (CME)** and skill-based training for practicing doctors, particularly in critical care and emergency medicine.



## Digital Health & Medical Technology

- Hospitals expanded adoption of **electronic health records (EHRs)** and interoperable digital platforms to improve continuity of care.
- Increased use of **AI-assisted radiology and pathology tools** was reported, supporting faster reporting and better clinical decision-making.



## Public Health & Environment

- Public health experts highlighted the **health impact of winter air pollution**, noting increased outpatient visits for asthma, COPD, and cardiac complaints in urban centres.
- Advisories stressed preventive measures for vulnerable groups, including the elderly, children, and patients with chronic diseases.



## Disease Control & Research

- Ongoing **tuberculosis elimination activities** focused on early diagnosis, treatment adherence, and contact tracing as part of the national elimination strategy.
- Surveillance systems continued monitoring of **influenza-like illness (ILI) and severe acute respiratory infections (SARI)** across states.