

1. Rare Disease Initiative – “Project Punarvika” (Andhra Pradesh)

- Andhra Pradesh launched “**Project Punarvika**” after a high-profile rare genetic disease case.
 - Focus areas:
 - Early diagnosis
 - Financial assistance for costly therapies
 - Collaboration with pharma companies
- 👉 **Clinical Insight:** Growing recognition of **rare diseases & need for affordable advanced therapies.**
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2. Move to Standardize Hospital Billing Across India

- Central government directed states to **standardize treatment costs in private hospitals.**
 - Aim:
 - Reduce rising insurance premiums
 - Improve transparency in healthcare pricing
- 👉 **Impact for Doctors:** Could influence **treatment protocols, billing patterns, and insurance approvals.**
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3. Indigenous Sickle Cell Diagnostic Kit Innovation

- Indian researchers developed a **low-cost diagnostic kit for sickle cell disease**, selected by ICMR.
 - Use:
 - Newborn screening
 - Antenatal diagnosis
- 👉 **Public Health Benefit:** Early detection can significantly **reduce morbidity in endemic regions.**
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4. Free Emergency Treatment Policy for Accident Victims

- New policy ensures **free treatment up to ₹1.5 lakh for road accident victims.**

👉 **Clinical Relevance:**

- Faster emergency care access
 - Reduced financial hesitation in critical trauma cases
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5. Heatwave Alert Across Cities

- Cities like Ahmedabad issued **Yellow Alert due to temperatures ~42°C.**
- Advisory includes:
 - Hydration
 - Avoid peak sun hours

👉 **OPD Trend:** Likely rise in:

- Heatstroke
 - Dehydration
 - Electrolyte imbalance
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6. NEET PG Counselling Update

- Supreme Court **rejected plea for additional counselling round (NEET PG 2025).**

👉 **Impact:** No further extension → strict adherence to academic timelines.

7. Changing Oral Cancer Trends

- Rising incidence of **oral cancer in non-smokers & women** reported.

👉 **Clinical Insight:**

- Shift from traditional risk factors
- Need for **broader screening & awareness**