

1. Rare Disease Care Gets Policy Push (Andhra Pradesh)

- Andhra Pradesh launched “**Project Punarvika**” after a costly rare disease case gained national attention.
 - Focus:
 - Early diagnosis
 - Financial support for expensive therapies
 - Collaboration with global pharma

👉 **Clinical Insight:** Rare diseases are now a **priority area in public health policy.**
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2. Standardization of Hospital Costs Across India

- Centre directed states to **standardize treatment pricing in private hospitals.**
 - Goals:
 - Reduce insurance premiums
 - Improve transparency
 - Digitize claims via national platforms

👉 **Impact:** May significantly affect **clinical billing & insurance approvals.**
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3. MBBS Exam Cancelled Due to Curriculum Mismatch

- Final-year MBBS surgery exam cancelled due to **out-of-syllabus questions after NMC changes.**

👉 **Takeaway:** Transition to new curriculum needs **better implementation & alignment.**
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4. Indigenous Innovation – Sickle Cell Diagnostic Kit

- Indian researchers developed a **low-cost screening kit** for sickle cell disease.
 - Selected by ICMR for national innovation summit
 - 👉 **Public Health Impact:** Early detection in **newborns & antenatal screening** can reduce disease burden.
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5. Stricter Regulation for Medical Devices

- Govt plans tighter rules for **syringes, sutures, implants, etc.**
 - Key changes:
 - Better labeling (sterilization details)
 - Standardized testing fees
 - 👉 **Clinical Relevance:** Improved **patient safety & device accountability.**
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6. Heatwave Alert Continues Across India

- Cities reporting **~42°C temperatures with Yellow Alerts.**
 - 👉 **Expected Clinical Load:**
 - Heatstroke
 - Dehydration
 - Electrolyte imbalance
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7. Expanding Healthcare Coverage (Policy Promise)

- Proposal for **₹5 lakh free healthcare coverage for women** announced in political campaign.
 - 👉 **Implication:** Potential expansion of **insurance-based healthcare access.**