

1. Heatwave Preparedness Strengthened in North India

- Punjab has activated **heat stroke management units** across hospitals due to rising temperatures (>40°C).
 - Facilities include cooling systems, ORS, emergency drugs, and ambulance readiness.
 - Public advised hydration and avoiding peak heat hours.
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2. Delhi Expands Medical Education Capacity

- Proposal to add **108 new PG/DNB/fellowship seats** in government hospitals.
 - Aim: address **specialist doctor shortage** and improve healthcare delivery.
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3. Andhra Pradesh Launches Rare Disease Initiative

- New program “**Project Punarvika**” to support children with rare genetic diseases.
 - Focus on **early diagnosis, financial aid, and affordable treatment access**.
 - Triggered by a high-cost gene therapy case (~₹16 crore).
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4. India's Medical Tourism Faces Slow Recovery

- Sector still below pre-COVID levels due to:
 - Visa delays
 - Geopolitical issues
 - Rising competition from other Asian countries
- Experts see potential recovery with policy reforms