

1. India continues to face high burden of Hepatitis B & C

A report highlights that India still struggles with a significant number of Hepatitis B and C cases. Experts emphasise that vaccination, early screening, safe injection practices and lifestyle changes are essential. There is no “miracle drug”, and prevention remains the foundation of control efforts.

2. Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) worsening across hospitals

Bengaluru doctors report a marked rise in patients not responding to commonly used antibiotics, attributing it to widespread overuse and inappropriate prescriptions. Multidrug-resistant infections are increasingly common, especially in ICUs.

3. Nikshay Poshan payments halted for many TB patients in Haryana

Under the national TB nutrition support scheme, patients treated in private hospitals in Haryana have not received payments for nearly six months due to a technical issue in the updated digital portal. Government-hospital patients continue to receive benefits, creating disparities and risking treatment interruption.

4. Cancer-drug smuggling racket busted near Delhi

Ghaziabad police arrested three individuals involved in an interstate racket transporting expensive cancer medicines using fake invoices and shell firms. Some seized drugs were expired or stored improperly, posing serious patient-safety risks.

5. Major upgrade planned for Chitaguppi Hospital, Hubballi-Dharwad

The Hubballi-Dharwad Municipal Corporation has announced an upgrade to Chitaguppi Hospital with new laparoscopic, ENT and urology equipment. The hospital currently operates with limited surgical tools despite high procedure volumes.

6. India–Germany collaboration on traditional & alternative medicine

At a joint working-group meeting in Berlin (18–20 November), India and Germany discussed strengthening cooperation on traditional medicine systems, evidence generation, regulatory frameworks, and practitioner training under the Ministry of Ayush.