🏥 Healthcare System & Policy

Uneven MBBS seat distribution stresses rural care
 A Parliamentary panel has again raised concerns about the uneven distribution of MBBS seats and medical infrastructure, especially impacting access in rural and underserved areas.

India engages with Afghanistan on health cooperation
 Officials from India and Afghanistan discussed creating a joint health working group to strengthen collaboration in healthcare services and systems.

📱 Technology & Innovation

Smartwatches evolving with certified medical capabilities
 Wearable tech is transitioning from lifestyle to legitimate medical devices, with emerging certification standards enabling broader clinical use.

🩺 Public Health Awareness

Men's breast cancer awareness push
 Doctors are urging men not to overlook breast cancer symptoms — calling attention to preventive tips and early detection importance.

💨 Health Impact of Pollution

COPD cases surge in Ludhiana amid winter smog
 A sharp rise in severe respiratory distress patients at Ludhiana hospitals highlights smog's worsening impact on lung health.

🧬 Conferences & Collaboration

AMR 360° Conclave on drug resistance kicks off
 A major event in Nagpur began addressing the growing public health crisis around antimicrobial resistance (AMR).

🤝 **Global Health Partnerships**

WHO & Ayush Ministry work on traditional medicine integration
 Technical discussions between the World Health Organization and India's Ministry of Ayush aim to increase integration of traditional medicine into broader health frameworks.

📊 Additional Important Health-Related Developments (Recent)

🧠 Medical Research & Regulation

Centre considers new law to regulate medical research — A proposed bill would create a comprehensive framework for health research oversight, establish ethics committees and standardize research practices nationwide.

🧠 AI in Healthcare

AI-based screening for diabetic retinopathy launched — India has introduced a national programme using artificial intelligence to screen for diabetes-related eye disease at the community level.

🫀 Medical Advances

Biocon Biologics gains global rights to biosimilar adalimumab — This could help expand access to an important biologic for autoimmune conditions worldwide.

🧪 Regulatory & Student Safety

Indian medical students in Bangladesh are the subject of safety concerns amid protests — Jammu & Kashmir students' group has petitioned the Prime Minister for protection and support.