

1. Infrastructure & access expansion

- **Droupadi Murmu, President of India, inaugurated Yashoda Medicity at Indirapuram (Ghaziabad, UP) and emphasised that healthcare is a vital component of nation-building and that “no citizen should be deprived of medical facilities.”**
- **She noted that private-sector healthcare institutions have an important role alongside the government in expanding medical infrastructure.**
- **Relatedly: The number of medical colleges in India has more than doubled over the past ~11 years (from ~387 in 2014 to 819 in 2025), with undergraduate medical seats rising from ~51,000 to ~129,000, and postgraduate seats from ~31,000 to ~78,000.**
- **On the same theme, J.P. Nadda, Union Health Minister, stressed at a convocation that while technology is key, empathy and compassion must remain central to healthcare delivery.**

Why it matters:

This reflects a strong push in India to increase medical education capacity and healthcare infrastructure, making services more accessible and building a larger health workforce. It also highlights the shift towards recognising private-public partnerships in delivering health care.

2. Affordable treatment & social commitment

- In Patna (Bihar), educator-turned-entrepreneur Khan Sir is launching a hospital which aims to provide essential medical treatment “even cheaper than government hospitals”. This includes a dialysis centre and operation theatre.
 - This underscores a trend of socially-driven healthcare initiatives, focused on affordability, especially for under-privileged populations.
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3. Quality & regulatory focus in pharmaceuticals

- After the tragic deaths of children linked to a contaminated cough syrup produced by Sresan Pharmaceutical Manufacturer, the Indian government is refusing to extend deadlines for small-drug makers to upgrade to WHO-compliant manufacturing after the deadline of December 2024.
- This is part of a broader crackdown on sub-standard pharmaceutical manufacturing and emphasises patient safety and trust in the domestic pharma sector.