

1. Maternal Care Strengthened with Mandatory Blood Bank Tie-ups

- Karnataka government issued new guidelines for maternity hospitals:
 - Mandatory **tie-ups with multiple blood banks**
 - Use of **digital labour monitoring (ARC partograph)**
 - Trigger:
 - Maternal death audits showing systemic gaps
 - Clinical impact:
 - Faster emergency response → reduced **maternal mortality risk**
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2. Low-Cost Cardiac Device Saves Critical Patient

- Doctors in Chennai successfully used a **cost-effective LVAD (Left Ventricular Assist Device)**.
 - Benefits:
 - ~35% cheaper than conventional devices
 - Lower infection risk
 - Significance:
 - Expands **advanced cardiac care accessibility** in India
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3. State Health Insurance Model Gains Attention

- Punjab's **Mukh Mantri Sehat Yojna** showing strong uptake:
 - Covers millions of families
 - Large number of treatments already approved
 - Insight:
 - Emerging as a **model for universal healthcare delivery** at state level
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4. Persistent Vacancies in Medical PG Seats

- Despite increase in MBBS & PG seats:
 - **~1,100+ PG seats remain vacant** after initial counselling

- Concern:
 - Maldistribution of specialties
 - Preference mismatch among students
 - Implication:
 - Need for **policy correction in medical education planning**
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5. Global Healthcare Disruption – Doctors’ Strike (UK)

- Planned **resident doctors’ strike in NHS (UK)** expected to impact services.
 - Cause:
 - Pay disputes between doctors and government
 - Impact:
 - Delayed procedures, strain on hospital systems
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6. WHO Update – Public Health Milestone

- WHO South-East Asia Region marked **12 years of being polio-free**.
 - Importance:
 - Major success in **infectious disease eradication efforts**
 - Reinforces:
 - Need for continued **vaccination & surveillance programs**
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7. Shift Toward Preventive Healthcare

- Experts emphasize:
 - Transition from **treatment** → **prevention-based healthcare model**
- Focus areas:
 - Lifestyle diseases
 - Early screening
 - Public health awareness
- Key trend:
 - Preventive care becoming central to healthcare policy