

Healthcare System & Infrastructure

- **Visakha Institute of Medical Sciences (VIMS) reports major growth in services in 2025**, doubling outpatient visits and performing nearly 2,800 surgeries. The government hospital also provided free advanced treatments (including liver transplants) under public welfare schemes.
- **New critical care leadership roles announced in Andhra Pradesh:** Health Commissioner G. Veerapandian will head a new disease control task force to improve prevention of dengue, tuberculosis and other communicable diseases.
- **A national uniform hospital bill format introduced** to improve transparency and clarity of medical charges across hospitals and clinics (policy move).

Public Health & Safety Alerts

- **Warnings about counterfeit rabies vaccines in India:** Australian health authorities flagged fake rabies doses (such as Abhayrab®) administered in India — urging affected travelers to seek replacements and medical advice.
- **Health exam updates:** Final correction window for the **FMGE (Foreign Medical Graduate Examination) December 2025** applications opened, giving candidates a last chance to fix application errors.

Disease Control & Research

- **Concern over antimicrobial resistance (AMR):** In his final '*Mann ki Baat*' address of 2025, Prime Minister Narendra Modi highlighted AMR's threat due to antibiotic misuse — a stance supported by health experts emphasizing better regulation and stewardship.
- Internet health commentary notes challenges in preventive healthcare and disease surveillance, including mosquito-borne diseases like malaria impacting India's elimination goals.

Medical Profession & Recognition

- **ENT specialist Dr. Himanshu Thakkar received a national award** (IMA Dr. A K N Sinha Award) for excellence in complex airway and esophageal procedures.
- **Collaborations to train medical students internationally:** The Indian Medical Association (IMA) is moving forward with partnerships to give Indian students exposure to US medical systems and research.

Health Governance & Policy Enforcement

- **Rajasthan cracks down on misuse of government health scheme cards (RGHS)**, suspending pharmacies and hospitals tied to fraud — part of broader efforts to curb abuse of public health benefits.
- **Broader digital healthcare expansion continues:** India's Ayushman Bharat programme expanded to additional states, while tele-health services (eSanjeevani) delivered tens of crores of free consultations nationwide in 2025.

Sector Trends & Challenges

- **Doctor-to-population ratio data released:** Government figures show India has around *one doctor per 811 people* (allopathic and AYUSH combined), underlining ongoing workforce pressures.