

National Health Policy & Medical Community Events

Holistic Healthcare Vision at IMA NATCON 2025

- Union Home Minister **Amit Shah spoke at the 100th *Indian Medical Association National Conference (IMA NATCON) 2025*** in Ahmedabad on 28 Dec 2025, highlighting the government's focus on building a *holistic health ecosystem* oriented toward preventive care, wellness and accessible healthcare for all.
- Shah paid emotional **tribute to doctors for their service, especially during COVID-19**, and emphasized the evolving role of healthcare professionals in nation-building.

Disease Control & Public Health Achievements

Major Reduction in Malaria Cases

- India has achieved a **97 % drop in malaria cases**, and officials say the country is on track to make malaria virtually eliminated soon — a significant public health milestone credited to national health initiatives. Mortality from dengue has been reduced to around **1 %**, and there's also been a **25 % decline in maternal mortality**.

Healthcare System & Innovation

First AI-Enabled Clinic in a Public Hospital

- A government hospital in Greater Noida announced the launch of **India's first AI Clinic within a public hospital**, starting 2 Jan 2026. This represents an effort to use AI tools to improve diagnosis and patient care at scale.

VIMS Reports Expanded Services in 2025

- Visakha Institute of Medical Sciences (VIMS) in Andhra Pradesh reported significant growth in 2025, **doubling patient footfall and performing ~2,800 surgeries**, including advanced free procedures like liver transplants under welfare schemes.

Public Health Warnings & Government Actions

Antimicrobial Resistance Awareness

- Continuing from recent national dialogues, **Prime Minister Narendra Modi and health experts have warned about the dangers of antimicrobial resistance (AMR)** — urging regulated antibiotic use and stronger stewardship to prevent drug-resistant infections.

New Disease Control Task Force in Andhra Pradesh

- Andhra Pradesh formed a **special state disease control task force** led by Health Commissioner G. Veerapandian, focusing on communicable disease surveillance (dengue, malaria, TB, diarrheal diseases) and rapid response systems.

Medical Regulation & Standards

NMC to Strengthen College Inspections

- The **National Medical Commission (NMC)** is building a **national pool of medical faculty assessors** to conduct surprise inspections of medical colleges across India, aiming for tighter quality control of medical education.