

Healthcare System & Public Health Actions

- **Communicable disease task force expansion in Andhra Pradesh**

The Andhra Pradesh government constituted a *State-level Special Task Force* to strengthen prevention and control of communicable diseases (like dengue, malaria, TB and diarrheal illnesses). It's led by the state Health Commissioner and includes experts from WHO, NCDC and major medical institutions.

- **VIMS reports major service expansion in 2025**

Visakha Institute of Medical Sciences (VIMS) more than *doubled patient footfall* and performed ~2,800 surgeries this year, including free critical treatments and the first government-hospital liver transplants in Andhra Pradesh.

Quality Care Initiatives

- **Focus on pediatric surgery safety**

Government General Hospital in Kurnool observed *Paediatric Surgery Day* to stress *safe and high-quality surgical care* for children.

Healthcare Governance & Safety

- **Calls for stricter laws to protect doctors**

Goa's Health Secretary highlighted the need for *stronger legal action, police training and judicial responses* to curb *attacks on doctors*, reflecting ongoing concerns about healthcare worker safety.

- **Rajasthan launches e-health dialogue platform**

To enhance governance in *medical education administration*, Rajasthan's government launched an "**E-Health Dialogue**" initiative under state leadership.

Insurance & Healthcare Trends

- **Rising insurance uptake & preventive health emphasis**

A *health insurance trends report* shows significant demand growth, with more Indians choosing coverage — driven by *preventive health awareness, digital policy renewals and senior care focus*.

Traditional Medicine & Global Outreach

- **AYUSH ministry promotes Indian traditional medicines internationally**
India's *Ministry of Ayush* took new steps to *showcase traditional medicine systems* (like Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani) on global platforms.

Daily Health Headlines

- **Top health news snapshot for the day**

A roundup of key stories includes judicial, policy and public health updates — such as Himachal HC decisions on medical education quotas and other health sector updates.

Context from broader reporting on 29 Dec 2025

 **Malaria reduction milestone:** India recorded a *97 % drop in malaria cases*, with very low dengue mortality and reduced maternal death rates — government attributes it to schemes like Ayushman Bharat and Mission Indradhanush.

Antibiotic misuse & AMR concerns:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent *Mann Ki Baat* message highlighted *antimicrobial resistance (AMR)* as a major health threat. Experts and the AIIMS Director echoed warnings against *over-the-counter antibiotic use* without medical consultation to preserve drug efficacy.

Health administration review meeting:

Union Health Minister J.P. Nadda chaired a *high-level review on strengthening health services and TB-free India goals* with Haryana officials.