

1. National Cancer Awareness Day Observed Across India

India marked National Cancer Awareness Day today to highlight cancer prevention, early detection, and timely treatment. Experts emphasized the growing burden of cancer due to aging populations and lifestyle factors such as tobacco use and poor diet. Nationwide screening and awareness campaigns were launched in several states.

2. Delhi High Court Sets Up Expert Panel for Rare-Disease Crowdfunding Platform

The Delhi High Court constituted an expert committee to supervise the government's crowdfunding portal for rare-disease patients. The move follows concerns over inadequate funds raised through the platform. The committee will work on transparency, awareness, and improving corporate contributions to assist patients suffering from conditions such as Spinal Muscular Atrophy.

3. Air Pollution Gases in Lucknow Linked to Rising Respiratory Problems

A recent report from Lucknow revealed that high levels of ammonia, sulphur dioxide, and nitrogen dioxide are worsening respiratory and neurological illnesses. Health experts noted a sharp rise in hospital visits for asthma, bronchitis, and eye irritation. The report calls for expanding air-quality monitoring beyond PM2.5 and PM10 to include harmful gases.

4. Rajasthan to Recruit 15,000 Health Personnel Under NHM and AYUSH

The Rajasthan government announced plans to appoint around 15,000 new healthcare workers, including doctors, nurses, pharmacists, and technicians. About 12,000 posts will fall under the National Health Mission, while 1,535 posts are for AYUSH doctors. The initiative aims to strengthen rural and primary healthcare delivery.

5. Kerala High Court Restricts Physiotherapists from Using ‘Dr’ Prefix

The Kerala High Court issued an interim order prohibiting physiotherapists and occupational therapists from using the prefix “Dr” unless they possess a recognized medical degree. The court stated that misuse of the title could mislead patients and called for regulatory clarity between the Indian Medical Degrees Act and allied health profession guidelines.

6. Jharkhand Introduces SOPs for ICU and CCU Management

Jharkhand’s Health Department has issued new standard operating procedures for managing Intensive Care Units (ICU) and Coronary Care Units (CCU) across government hospitals. The guidelines cover staffing, infection control, and equipment standards to improve patient outcomes in critical care.

7. Experts Warn of Increase in Seasonal Viral and Dengue Cases

Medical experts across several states have reported a post-monsoon surge in dengue and viral fever cases. Hospitals in Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, and Telangana are witnessing increased admissions, prompting advisories for mosquito control and preventive measures.

8. AIIMS Delhi Expands Genetic Testing for Rare Disorders

AIIMS Delhi announced expansion of its genetic testing laboratory to screen for over 200 rare genetic diseases. The move aims to support early diagnosis and research collaboration under the National Policy for Rare Diseases.

9. India's Health Ministry Focuses on Cervical Cancer Vaccine Rollout

The Ministry of Health confirmed preparations for the national introduction of the HPV vaccine for adolescent girls under the Universal Immunisation Programme in early 2026. States have begun training and logistics planning for the rollout.

10. Medical Device Park in Telangana Nears Completion

The Telangana government reported that its Hyderabad Medical Devices Park is in the final phase of completion. Once operational, it will host over 250 companies manufacturing diagnostic and surgical equipment, reducing import dependence and boosting the "Make in India" healthcare initiative.