

1. ⚠️ Lifestyle diseases called a “silent epidemic”

- Vice President highlighted rising burden of:
 - Diabetes
 - Hypertension
 - Obesity & stress-related disorders
- Cause: **sedentary lifestyle, poor diet, mental stress**
- Strong push for:
 - **Preventive healthcare**
 - Integration of **Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy with modern medicine**

➡ Signals shift from **curative** → **preventive & holistic healthcare**

2. 🏥 Ayushman Bharat service gap raises concern

- **Cardiac care services under Ayushman Bharat** halted for ~9 months at a Gurgaon civil hospital
- Impact:
 - Reduced access for **economically weaker patients**
 - Questions on **implementation & monitoring of public schemes**

➡ Highlights gaps in **healthcare delivery despite policy expansion**

3. 🏗️ Infrastructure gap in urban public healthcare

- Demolition of a **maternity hospital in Chennai** created:
 - Lack of nearby maternal services
 - Limited access on Sundays (UPHC closed)
- Patients forced to travel or use private care

➡ Shows need for **continuous primary care availability & infrastructure planning**

4. 🏢 Expansion of medical education & infrastructure

- Announcement of a **new medical college in Punjab (Malerkotla)**
- Includes:
 - MBBS seats expansion
 - Associated teaching hospital & nursing college

➔ Strengthens **doctor supply & regional healthcare access**

5. 💊 India emerging as pharma & MedTech powerhouse

- Government highlighted India's growth as a **global pharmaceutical & medical technology hub**
- Increased:
 - Investments
 - Innovation
 - Manufacturing capacity

➔ Reinforces India's role in **global healthcare economy**

6. 📈 Investment trend: Healthcare sector gaining traction

- **~70% mutual funds overweight on healthcare stocks**
- Reason:
 - Strong growth outlook
 - Increasing healthcare demand

➔ Indicates **long-term expansion of healthcare industry**