

## Public Health Programmes & Vaccination Drives

- **HPV Vaccination Rollout Preparations:** *Haryana* has received over **1.14 lakh doses** of the HPV vaccine *Gardasil* ahead of the national HPV vaccination campaign launching from **28 Feb**, aimed at adolescent girls to prevent cervical cancer. Facilities ready with cold-chain infrastructure will conduct the immunisation with safety protocols and digital certification.
- **Telangana Launching HPV Initiative:** The state is set to implement a **statewide HPV vaccination programme** targeting girls aged 14–15 to combat rising cervical cancer cases, training over 14,000 healthcare workers for rollout through PHCs.

## Healthcare Events & Awareness

- **National Arogya Fair 2026:** A four-day event in *Shegaon, Maharashtra* is promoting Ayush systems, free health checkups, yoga, consultations and medicinal plant cultivation, strengthening preventive care and traditional medicine outreach.
- **Public Health Sciences University in Meghalaya:** Plans are underway to establish a dedicated *Public Health Sciences University* to bolster public health education and research in the region.

## Medical Education & Infrastructure

- **Medical Seat Expansion:** Uttar Pradesh University of Medical Sciences (*UPUMS, Saifai*) announced increased MBBS and postgraduate seat capacity, and a new 250-bed trauma centre to expand emergency care and rural health services.

## Health Administration & Policy

- **Jharkhand Health Dept Notice:** The Jharkhand Health Department directed civil surgeons to submit all pending bills by **26 Feb**, aimed at

improving administrative efficiency in health programme implementation.

- **Prisoners' Health Rights:** The *Madras High Court* ruled that **every prisoner has the right to periodic medical check-ups** under Article 21 (right to life and personal liberty), emphasising custodial health care standards.

### **Community Health Initiatives**

- **Blood Donation Camp in Mumbai:** The NSS unit at D.J. Sanghvi College of Engineering is organizing a **blood donation camp** on *26 Feb* to support local hospitals with essential blood supply.

### **Disease & Environmental Health Trends**

- **Viral Illness Uptick in Uttar Pradesh:** With shifting weather conditions, CHC Amroha saw a surge in patients with fever, cold and body-ache, illustrating how climatic changes can impact viral illness incidence and clinic load.

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### **Other Related Context**

- **AIIMS Feasibility Review:** The *Kerala High Court* has directed a feasibility study for a proposed AIIMS site in Kozhikode within two weeks, reinforcing expansion of high-end medical infrastructure.
- **Global Recognition of Indian Hospitals:** *AIIMS Delhi* and *Tata Memorial Centre, Mumbai* have been ranked among the top hospitals globally in 2026, highlighting the strength of Indian healthcare institutions.