

1. “Hospital on Wheels” Initiative Launched

- Madurai Corporation introduced a **mobile hospital unit** to deliver care at patients’ doorsteps.
 - Features:
 - On-site diagnostics, lab testing & ultrasound
 - Capability for **emergency care and even assisted deliveries**
 - Impact:
 - Improves access for **rural, elderly, and immobile patients**
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2. AI Rapidly Expanding in Healthcare Delivery

- AI-based systems are being integrated into:
 - Disease detection
 - ICU monitoring
 - Clinical decision support
 - Example:
 - AI-enabled super-specialty services expanding in public hospitals
 - Clinical relevance:
 - Enhances **early diagnosis + healthcare efficiency**
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3. Focus on AI in Surgical Gastroenterology

- Major conference (IASGCON 2026) highlighted:
 - Role of **AI in surgery & liver transplant care**
 - Key takeaway:
 - AI increasingly used for:
 - Surgical planning
 - Outcome prediction
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4. Expansion of Medical Education Capacity

- National Medical Commission (NMC):
 - Extended deadline for **new PG & super-specialty courses and seat expansion**
 - Additional policy:
 - Karnataka mandates **3-year compulsory service for PG students**
 - Impact:
 - Addresses **doctor shortage in public healthcare**
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5. Preventive Healthcare Drive for Women

- “Check by Doctor” initiative in Goa:
 - Free health check-ups for women across the state
 - Participation:
 - **40,000+ women benefited**
 - Focus:
 - Early detection & **preventive screening**
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6. Major Healthcare Events & Collaborations

- **SANJEEVANI 2026 (Chennai)** concluded on March 28:
 - Covered:
 - Telemedicine
 - Medical tourism
 - Health IT & analytics
 - Maharashtra at PULSE 2026:
 - Signed **15 healthcare MoUs** with major investments
 - Significance:
 - Strong push toward **healthcare innovation & infrastructure growth**
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7. Maternal Health Awareness & Policy Dialogue

- “Future of Maternity 2026” summit focused on:
 - Pregnancy care → newborn care continuum
- Themes:
 - Integrated maternal care
 - Vision for **Maternal Health 2030**