

1. New NMC Guidelines for PG Medical Courses

- National Medical Commission (NMC) released updated norms under **PGMSR-2023**.
 - Key requirements:
 - Minimum **clinical workload standards**
 - Defined **diagnostic and investigation capacity**
 - Example: Certain departments must maintain **≥60 OPD patients/day**
 - Clinical impact:
 - Ensures **adequate clinical exposure for PG trainees**
 - Improves quality of **specialist training in India**
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2. Legal Relief for PwD Candidate in Medical Admission

- Rajasthan High Court allowed a **PwD NEET-qualified student** to secure an MBBS seat.
 - Significance:
 - Reinforces **inclusive medical education policies**
 - Strengthens rights of **differently-abled candidates**
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3. Expansion of Advanced Care – Kidney Transplant Services

- **Kidney transplant programs expanded in Tripura**, continuing surgeries on March 30–31.
 - Importance:
 - Reduces need for **interstate referrals**
 - Improves access to **tertiary care in North-East India**
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4. India's Dominance in Generic Medicines

- India supplies **~30% of global generic medicines**.
 - Key implications:
 - Strengthens India's role as the **“pharmacy of the world”**
 - Promotes **low-cost treatment globally**
 - Policy push:
 - Doctors encouraged to prescribe **generic drugs** to reduce patient costs
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5. Rising Costs Challenge Healthcare Sector

- Healthcare providers facing:
 - Increased **capital and operational costs**
 - Pressure due to global economic factors (fuel, supply chains)
 - Response:
 - Focus on **cost-efficient innovations**
 - Expansion supported by growing **insurance coverage**
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6. Delay in Emergency Cardiac Care – Major Concern

- Studies highlight **significant delays (5–6 hours)** in patients reaching cardiac care facilities.
 - Clinical implication:
 - Higher **preventable mortality in acute coronary syndromes**
 - Need:
 - Strengthening **emergency response systems & awareness**
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7. Health Insurance Sector Continues Growth

- India's health insurance premiums crossed **₹1.2 lakh crore**, growing ~9%.
- Meaning:
 - Increased **financial protection for patients**
 - Boost to **hospital utilization and private healthcare**