

1. Crackdown on “Outside Prescription” Practice

- Haryana government introduced strict reforms:
 - Doctors must justify prescribing medicines **outside hospital supply**
 - Real-time **drug inventory tracking system** implemented
 - Goal:
 - Reduce **out-of-pocket expenditure**
 - Improve transparency in public hospitals
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2. Rising Cancer Burden with Alarming Low Screening

- Telangana Cancer Profile 2026 shows:
 - Screening rates **<4%** in eligible population
 - Breast screening as low as **0.3%**
 - Concern:
 - Late diagnosis → poorer outcomes
 - Risk factors:
 - Tobacco use, obesity, diabetes
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3. Push for Basic Health Insurance & Hospital Scorecards

- Insurance regulator planning:
 - **Low-cost basic health policies**
 - **Hospital performance scorecards**
 - Objective:
 - Improve transparency & trust
 - Expand insurance coverage in India
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4. Emergency Healthcare Strengthening Continues

- Expansion of ambulance networks including:
 - **Advanced Life Support (ALS)**
 - **Neonatal ICU ambulances**
 - Impact:
 - Faster emergency care access, especially in rural areas
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5. NEET SS Counselling Update

- Medical Counselling Committee released:
 - **Round 2 seat matrix for NEET SS 2025**
 - Includes:
 - Newly added seats
 - Vacant and virtual vacancies
 - Relevance:
 - Important for **super-specialty admissions planning**
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6. Rising Medical Inflation in India

- Healthcare inflation estimated at **11.5%–14% annually**
 - Challenges:
 - Increasing treatment costs
 - Low insurance penetration
 - Impact:
 - Higher **financial burden on patients**
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7. AI Emerging as Mental Health Concern

- Experts warn increasing use of AI tools for emotional support
- Concerns:
 - Lack of clinical validation
 - Risk of **emotional dependence**
- Recommendation:

- Stronger **regulation + monitoring frameworks**
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8. Expansion of Affordable Drug Access

- After patent expiry, multiple Indian companies launched **generic semaglutide**
- Impact:
 - Improved access to **diabetes & obesity treatment**
 - Increased competition in pharma market