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Union Health Ministry Observes World Antimicrobial Resistance Awareness Week 2026, Calls for Collective Action against AMR

CHENNAI – 19 Nov, 2026 The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, today, inaugurated the national observance of the World Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Awareness Week 2026 at Kartavya Bhawan, New Delhi. The week-long observance is significant as it seeks to build greater awareness and collective action against antimicrobial resistance, one of the most urgent threats to public health.

Addressing the event virtually, Union Health Secretary Punya Salila Srivastava drew attention to the growing threat of Antimicrobial Resistance, describing it as one of the most serious public health challenges of our time. She noted that



medicines that have saved countless lives are gradually losing their effectiveness due to misuse and overuse. She cautioned that if left unchecked, AMR could undermine decades of medical progress, making even common infections difficult to treat and posing a serious threat to human health.