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NATIONAL

- Referring to the Opposition parties, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said those who always "lied" to farmers are now "shooting from their shoulders" and misleading them for their own political gains. "They're spreading rumours.
- Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia who is admitted at the city's Max Hospital, has been administered the plasma therapy treatment, ANI reported quoting the Office of the Deputy Chief Minister.
- A court has directed Delhi Police to register an FIR on a complaint over a morphed video of CM Arvind Kejriwal allegedly singing an obscene song, saying its tone and manner lowers his reputation.
- Delhi's air quality is likely to slip into 'poor' category by September 30, according to the System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting and Research (SAFAR).
- Members of the Bharatiya Kisan Union on Friday protested against farm Bills on UP-Delhi border in Noida, prompting deployment of police to control the situation.
- The first look of Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut regional rapid transit system (RRTS) was unveiled on Friday by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.
- Haryana BJP leaders Parminder Singh Dhull and Rampal Majra have called Central government's recently passed agriculture reform bills as "anti-farmer" and said protesting farmers' voices should be heard.
- A medium-intensity earthquake of 5.4 magnitude hit Ladakh region on Friday at a depth of 10 km, National Centre for Seismology said.
- Jammu and Kashmir Police on Friday said that DNA samples of the three youths mistakenly gunned down in an encounter in Shopian in July have matched with their family members' DNA.
- RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav on Friday welcomed the EC's announcement of Bihar Assembly poll dates and said that the "people of Bihar want to get rid of" the current government.
- A CCTV footage has surfaced in the murder of 26-year-old interior designer Hemanth Kumar, showing him being kidnapped in Hyderabad before he was found dead.
- Hundreds of farmers led by 35 farmers' outfits blocked roads, major highways and state highways in and around Bengaluru on Friday in protest against the three farm Bills passed by the Parliament recently.



- The Bombay HC has quashed an FIR filed against eight Tablighi Jamaat members from Myanmar who attended the Nizamuddin Markaz event in Delhi in March.
- The Delhi government has asked all districts to retest all symptomatic patients, who have tested negative for COVID-19 by rapid antigen test, using the RT-PCR method.
- Assam's total number of confirmed coronavirus cases has reached 1,67,374 after 1,792 people tested positive, state Health Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma tweeted on Friday.
- Four of the seven people who volunteered to be part of phase 3 trials of Covishield vaccine in Pune tested positive for antibodies, rendering them ineligible for trials.
- Madhya Pradesh CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan criticised those opposing the farm Bills and said that the Bills are 'blessings for farmers' and will 'double their incomes'.
- 4.34 lakh tonnes of food grains were wasted in the godowns of Food Corporation of India in Uttarakhand between 2003-04 and July 2020. The maximum grains (97,113 tonnes) were wasted in 2004-05 followed by 2005-06 (95,075 tonnes).

INTERNATIONAL

- During a United Nations Security Council meeting, UN Secretary-General António Guterres said, "I fear the worst if world handles climate like COVID-19."
- British naturalist and broadcaster David Attenborough has broken actor Jennifer Aniston's record for the fastest time to reach 1 million followers on Instagram.
- An 18-year-old British activist, Mya-Rose Craig, staged a protest against climate change by sitting on a floating ice sheet in the Arctic Ocean and holding a "Youth Strike for Climate" placard.
- United States President Donald Trump on Thursday said that he hoped India and China would be able to resolve their border standoff, and added, "If we can help, we'd love to help."
- A town in US' New York has voted to retain the name 'Swastika', stating it was named after the Sanskrit word meaning "well-being" and not after the symbol associated with Nazis.
- A giant African pouched rat has been awarded a gold medal by UK veterinary charity PDSA for his "lifesaving bravery and devotion to duty".
- North Korean leader Kim Jong-un has issued a personal apology for the killing of the South Korean official in the water.
- At least 22 people were killed after a military transport plane carrying air force cadets crashed and burst into flames near a highway in Ukraine .





- US President Donald Trump was booed by a crowd as he paid his last respects to late Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.
- Four people have been injured after they were stabbed in a knife attack in Paris on Friday near the former office of French satirical magazine Charlie Hebdo, French Prime Minister Jean Castex said.
- A Chinese pharmaceutical company has said the COVID-19 vaccine they're developing should be ready by early 2021 for distribution worldwide.
- Al-Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent (AQIS) is "probably only capable of small-scale regional attacks", US' National Counterterrorism Center Director Christopher Miller said.
- Google released a list of 20 startups selected for the fourth batch of Google for Startups (GFS) Accelerator India programme.
- Former CEO of political consulting firm Cambridge Analytica, Alexander Nix, has been disqualified from running companies for seven years for causing or permitting companies to offer "unethical services" to clients.
- Spotify, Epic Games, and Match Group along with other smaller firms have joined a non-profit group, Coalition for App Fairness, to advocate for legal and regulatory action to challenge Apple's App Store practices.
- Chinese video-sharing app TikTok told an Australian government committee that officials could review its algorithm and test its source code at their transparency centre in the US.
- Google has sought approval from India's antitrust body Competition Commission of India for its ₹33,737 crore investment for a 7.73% stake in Jio Platforms.
- Apple has confirmed that it acquired Scout FM earlier this year, an app that creates podcast stations based on different topics, such as technology and history.
- Chinese tech conglomerate ByteDance has applied for a tech export licence in China, as TikTok closes in on a deal with Oracle and Walmart.
- Thailand's Ministry of Digital Economy and Society said it will file complaints with cybercrime police after Facebook, Twitter and Google ignored court-issued orders to take down content.
- Facebook will reject political ads claiming victory before the results of 2020 US presidential elections are declared, a company spokesperson said.

