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- The number of coronavirus cases in India has reached 71,20,538 as 66,732 people tested positive in the last 24 hours, according to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan on Sunday said that Maharashtra with 42.5%, Chandigarh with 47.8% and Delhi with 75.4% are the worst performers in COVID-19 grant utilisation.
- The Greater Noida Industrial Development Authority (GNIDA) will set up 'water courts' to address water bill-related issues, its CEO Narendra Bhooshan said.
- After Canada, UK, and Australia, the protesting farmers in Punjab have now received support from NRIs in New Zealand.
- A 30-year-old Goregaon resident has been held by Mumbai Police Crime Branch for allegedly stealing ₹80,000 from a COVID-19 patient's relative.
- The Railway Ministry said that it's working on a plan to upgrade all high speed trains, running at a maximum speed of 130 kmph and more, with special AC coaches.
- Eight Indian beaches that were recommended by the government, have all been awarded the International Blue Flag Certification.
- Actor-turned-politician Kushboo Sundar has resigned from Congress. In her letter to Congress chief Sonia Gandhi, Sundar said, "Few elements seated at higher level within the party, people who have no connectivity with ground reality or public recognition are dictating terms and people like me who wanted to work for party are suppressed."
- MI defeated DC by 5 wickets in IPL 2020 on Sunday to go on top of the IPL 2020 points table with 10 points from seven matches.
- Bengaluru-based fintech startup Razorpay became a unicorn after it raised \$100 million in Series D funding co-led by Singapore's sovereign wealth fund GIC and Sequoia.
- Achelura bifasciata, a rare day-flying moth, was spotted recently in Uttarakhand's Garhwal.
- Protests took place in Jharkhand's Palamu on Sunday after it came to light that Chainpur police station SHO Sumit Kumar allegedly gave electric shocks on the genitals of a man accused of theft.
- The DDMA issued guidelines for preventing the spread of COVID-19 during festivities stating that fairs, food stalls, jhoolas, processions, exhibitions and rallies won't be allowed during festivals till October 31.





- India's Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) surpassed Accenture for the first time in a year to become the world's most valuable information technology company.
- Harvard University on Friday named 66-year-old Srikant Datar as the next dean of Harvard Business School (HBS), succeeding Nitin Nohria, who is leaving in December after 10 years in the job.
- 39,000 of IBM's estimated 1.17 lakh employees in India will be part of the new entity after IBM splits into two public companies, according to CEO Arvind Krishna.
- The RBI has decided to make available the RTGS system, primarily meant for large value transactions, round the clock on all days from December.

INTERNATIONAL

- Japan's Yomiuriland theme park is launching an 'Amusement Workation' package to let visitors spend up to one hour remotely working from inside its Wi-Fi-equipped Ferris wheel.
- PlayStation gaming console's inventor Ken Kutaragi, who joined Tokyo-based Ascent Robotics as CEO in August, said he receives no salary to save capital.
- SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, can survive on banknotes, glass and stainless steel for up to 28 days, researchers from Australia's national science agency CSIRO said on Monday.
- US President Donald Trump removed his mask as he addressed supporters at the White House after being treated for COVID-19.
- During a military parade, which was held to mark 75th anniversary of the founding of its ruling Workers' Party, North Korean leader Kim Jong-un said that not a single citizen had tested positive for coronavirus.
- Nepal's Tourism Minister Yogesh Bhattarai, who had declared the country coronavirus-free in February, has tested positive for COVID-19.
- Brazil's COVID-19 death toll on Saturday rose to 1,50,198 after it reported 559 more deaths in the past 24 hours, making it the second country to report over 1.5 lakh coronavirus deaths, its Health Ministry said.
- The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) reportedly sent its counterterrorism unit "Fly Team" to Portland in July to carry out "initial exploitation of phones" used by protestors, NYR Daily reported.
- Pakistan Army chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa said that all actions of the military are guided by the Constitution and the national interests of the country.

