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- India has reported 29,398 new coronavirus cases in the last 24 hours, taking the total number of cases to 97,96,769.
- A DCP and an Additional DCP, deployed at Singhu border where farmers are protesting against three farm laws, have tested positive for COVID-19.
- Union Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank on Thursday said that the government might increase the frequency of JEE (Main). "
- Commenting on a plea challenging 80% reservation for women in the nursing cadre of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Delhi HC stated that reservation for women under Article 15(3) has been long overdue.
- UP CM Yogi Adityanath on Thursday claimed that we are about a month away from COVID-19 vaccine and added that the state has already contained the pandemic.
- Uttar Pradesh Police stopped a Muslim couple's wedding in Kushinagar on Tuesday and detained them after a phone call claimed that a Muslim man was marrying a Hindu woman after converting her.
- The fifth phase of District Development Council (DDC) polls in Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday witnessed a 51.20% voter turnout. A total of 37 constituencies – 20 in Jammu and 17 in Kashmir region went to polls.
- Farmer leaders said they had given an ultimatum to the Centre that if farm laws aren't repealed by today, farmers will block railway tracks.
- Activist Trupti Desai, who was heading towards Shirdi Sai Baba temple, was taken into preventive custody She was heading to Shirdi to protest 'dress code' board put up outside the temple urging devotees to wear "traditional and cultural Indian outfits" inside premises.
- Maharashtra Health Minister Rajesh Tope on Thursday announced that blood will be provided free of cost to patients receiving treatment at state-run hospitals from December 12.
- The Indian Medical Association (IMA) has called for a strike on December 11 against the government's move to allow Ayurveda doctors to perform surgery.
- Kerala Health Minister KK Shailaja today announced a new genus of malaria, Plasmodium ovale, has been detected in the state. "It was found in a soldier who was being treated at the District hospital in Kannur.



- Nobel laureate and economist Abhijit Banerjee on Thursday said that the farmers are essentially acting out of pure suspicion of government's motive.
- Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) Commissioner Iqbal Singh Chahal has said that a decision on allowing general public to travel by local trains will be taken after New Year celebrations are over.
- Technology major Siemens on Thursday said that it is providing driverless train solutions for Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Ltd.
- All India Congress Committee spokesperson Sravan Dasoju has requested the Telangana government to direct authorities to include Congress President Sonia Gandhi's biography in the school syllabus.

INTERNATIONAL

- While skiing with her husband on Oregon's Mount Hood, 35-year-old Caroline Sundbaum fell into a snow-covered fumarole, which is a vent in the side of a volcano that emits steam and gases.
- A Chinese citizen journalist detained after reporting on the Wuhan coronavirus outbreak has had a feeding tube forcibly inserted and her arms restrained to stop her pulling it out, her lawyer claimed.
- South Korea is building hospital beds in shipping containers amid concerns about an acute shortage of hospital beds during the third coronavirus wave.
- China's aviation regulator CAAC has recommended cabin crew on charter flights to high-risk coronavirus destinations to wear disposable diapers and avoid using the bathroom to reduce the risk of infection.
- After UK PM Boris Johnson confused farmers' protest in India with Indo-Pakistan dispute in the parliament, his office said, "The Prime Minister clearly misheard the question."
- Two metal monoliths, similar to those that have appeared in the US, Romania and the UK, have now appeared in Poland.
- The US flew two B-52H bombers from Louisiana to the Middle East as part of an effort to deter Iran from any aggressive actions.
- Lebanon's investigating judge has charged caretaker PM Hassan Diab with negligence over the Beirut port explosion that killed nearly 200 people in August.
- US President Donald Trump on Thursday announced that Morocco and Israel have agreed to establish full diplomatic ties, calling it "a massive breakthrough for peace in the Middle East".
- UK travellers could be banned from entering the European Union from January 1 under the coronavirus restrictions after the Brexit transition period ends on December 31, reports said.

