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- India has reported 3,79,257 COVID-19 cases and 3,645 deaths in the last 24 hours, breaking all previous records for the highest single-day rise in the number of daily cases and deaths in the country.
- The US Department of State - Bureau of Consular Affairs has said that access to medical care is severely limited in India due to the surge in COVID-19 cases.
- The US is delivering supplies worth over \$100 million in the coming days to India to provide urgent relief as the country battles a new wave of COVID-19 cases, said the White House.
- Taiwan aims to send 150 oxygen concentrators to India this weekend to help in its fight against coronavirus, Foreign Minister Joseph Wu said on Thursday.
- More than 1.32 crore people registered for COVID-19 vaccination on Wednesday as the government's portal, Co-WIN, opened for registration for all citizens above 18 years of age.
- Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot on Thursday tweeted that he has tested positive for COVID-19.
- Madhya Pradesh government has extended the 'corona curfew' in the state till May 7 to break the chain of COVID-19 transmission.
- 17,207 people tested positive for coronavirus and 77 died due to the virus in West Bengal in the last 24 hours in the biggest one-day jump for both the cases and deaths in the state.
- Anand Mahindra listed four reasons why industry leaders felt they spent "productive time" after attending a virtual meeting with Maharashtra CM.
- Mukesh Ambani-led Reliance Industries will set up a 1,000-bed COVID-19 hospital with oxygen supply in Gujarat's Jamnagar, the state government said.
- Serum Institute of India's CEO Adar Poonawalla has announced that the price of Covishield vaccine has been reduced for states.
- Bengaluru-based edtech unicorn BYJU'S and Reliance Industries' technology arm Jio Platforms have featured in TIME Magazine's first-ever list of '100 Most Influential Companies'.
- Competition Commission of India has approved Tata Sons' proposal to pick up a majority stake in online grocery platform BigBasket.
- The Indian benchmark indices rose for the fourth straight session on Thursday amid positive global cues.
- Syngene International CEO Jonathan Hunt has said that the company aims to supply 5,00,000 vials of COVID-19 drug Remdesivir through its local distribution partners next month.





- SpiceJet on Wednesday said that its cargo arm SpiceXpress has airlifted 1,000 oxygen concentrators from Hong Kong to Delhi amid the shortage of medical oxygen in the country.
- The servers of CoWIN website, UMANG app and Aarogya Setu app crashed after registration for vaccination for those between 18-45 years old opened at 4 pm.
- Paytm has decided to provide 100 oxygen concentrators to Madhya Pradesh after CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan spoke to the company's CEO Vijay Shekhar Sharma.

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- Apple posted record March quarter revenue of \$89.6 billion, a 54% jump from the same period in 2020, fueled by 5G iPhone 12 sales. Meanwhile, its profit doubled to \$23.6 billion.
- During a coronavirus briefing on April 28, UK Health Secretary Matt Hancock said, "We have all seen the harrowing pictures of what's happening in India, and it pains each one of us."
- AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine is safe and Canadians should have confidence in it, PM Justin Trudeau said, reacting to news that a woman had died of a rare blood clot after being inoculated.
- Brazil's Butantan Institute, a state-run medical research facility, has begun to manufacture the first Brazilian vaccine against COVID-19, ButanVac.
- IHuawei reported a steepening decline in revenue in the first quarter, as its smartphone sales declined due to US sanctions.
- The US has ordered non-essential staff to leave its Kabul embassy, citing increasing threats. Ross Wilson, the acting US ambassador in Kabul, said the decision was taken amid "increasing violence and threat reports in Kabul".
- US Federal investigators executed search warrants at the home and office of ex-personal lawyer to Donald Trump, Rudy Giuliani.
- Britain's Electoral Commission on Wednesday said it has launched a formal probe into the financing of the makeover of Prime Minister Boris Johnson's Downing Street apartment.
- Russian authorities painted over a large mural of jailed President Vladimir Putin's critic Alexey Navalny after it appeared overnight on a St Petersburg building.
- After COVID-19 vaccine registration opened for all adults at 4pm on Wednesday, CoWIN chief RS Sharma tweeted, "We have seen a traffic of 55,000 hits per second (on CoWIN website). \
- Credit card bill payment platform CRED revealed its first mega-jackpot for this week in which it announced that one of its members will be rewarded one Bitcoin for clearing their bill.

