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- India has reported a dip in new COVID-19 cases with 3,68,147 cases and 3,417 deaths in the last 24 hours. With this, the total number of cases has reached 1,99,25,604, while the death toll has surged to 2,18,959.
- India on Sunday received 1,25,000 vials of antiviral drug Remdesivir in the fourth COVID-19 relief shipment from the US.
- Supreme Court has questioned Centre over differential pricing of COVID-19 vaccines for Centre and states. "The manner in which the current policy has been framed would prima facie result in a detriment to the right to public health," the court said.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday reviewed the progress of the government's move to explore the feasibility of conversion of existing nitrogen plants to produce oxygen.
- Lieutenant Governor (LG) of Delhi Anil Bajjal has asked concerned departments and agencies to submit an action plan with regard to availability of hospital beds, medicines and medical oxygen
- Several hospitals in Delhi including Madhukar Rainbow Children's Hospital, Sitaram Bhartia Hospital, Vimhans and Jaipur Golden Hospital sent out SOS calls to authorities on Sunday to replenish their low oxygen stock.
- CII has said a nationwide maximal response measure at highest level is needed to cut the transmission links amid COVID-19 crisis.
- The leaders of 13 Opposition parties including Sonia Gandhi, HD Deve Gowda, Sharad Pawar and Mamata Banerjee have penned a joint statement, asking the Centre to launch a free mass vaccination drive across India in view of the "uncontrollable surge" of COVID-19 cases.
- All India Trinamool Congress has crossed the majority mark of 147 seats by winning at least 180 seats in West Bengal Assembly elections.
- The Supreme Court on Sunday said that the Centre and the state governments may consider imposing a lockdown to curb coronavirus in the second wave in the interest of public welfare.
- Dr BR Ambedkar State Institute of Medical Sciences, Mohali, Principal Dr Bhavneet Bharti has stated that their upcoming medical college received 32 ventilators under the PM-CARES fund.
- Two people died and two were injured after being struck by lightning in Uttar Pradesh's Chitrakoot district, the state government said.
- CRED, the credit card bill payment app, has revealed the winner of the Bitcoin mega jackpot hosted on the app for members.





- Serum Institute of India CEO Adar Poonawalla has spoken to The Times about the pressures he's facing over the production of COVID-19 vaccines to meet the demand in India.
- Sony Group has announced a \$1 million (around ₹7.4 crore) donation to help India amid the COVID-19 crisis. The company said that it will donate to the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and other organisations to procure oxygen for medical purposes and PCR testing machines.
- Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has said that it is planning to set up 2,500 beds with gaseous oxygen (GOX) for COVID-19 treatment.

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- Eleven thousand people attended the first day of the Strawberry Music Festival in Wuhan, the Chinese city where the COVID-19 crisis first began last year.
- Japanese astronaut Soichi Noguchi has tweeted a picture of the Great Pyramid of Giza in Egypt from the International Space Station.
- An insensitive social media post by China's top law enforcement body that compared China's launch of a module into space with the cremation pyres in India has been deleted. Many Chinese people expressed anger over the post.
- Thousands of people gathered in support of Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro in Brazil on Saturday despite the coronavirus pandemic.
- Over 3,000 Pakistani children between the ages of one and 10 were diagnosed with coronavirus in April, according to data from Pakistan's Health Ministry.
- Nepal on Sunday reported its highest one-day jump in coronavirus cases at 7,137, taking the total number of cases to 48,711.
- French Ambassador to India Emmanuel Lenain said the COVID-19 medical aid to India is the largest package provided by France to any country.
- Malaysia has reported its first case of the coronavirus variant first identified in India, the country's Health Minister Adham Baba said.
- An 88-year-old woman died of coronavirus in Singapore on Saturday, making it the first COVID-19 death in the country since March 13.
- Nigeria will ban entry to non-Nigerian passengers, who have been to Brazil, India or Turkey in the last fortnight due to concerns of COVID-19.

