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- PM Narendra Modi-led government told the Supreme Court that the country's people have given their mandate to it twice and it understands people's suffering due to COVID-19.
- Rajasthan government has announced a "strict lockdown" from 5:00 am of May 10 till 5:00 am of May 24. No wedding functions will be allowed till May 31 and only court marriages or marriages at home will be allowed with not more than 11 attendees.
- After reports of a more virulent COVID-19 variant being found in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, all persons arriving in Delhi from the states have to undergo mandatory 14-day institutional quarantine.
- A 'Full Emergency' was declared for an air ambulance going to Hyderabad from Nagpur with a doctor and a patient onboard, after its landing gear fell off, DG, civil aviation, Arun Kumar said.
- Maharashtra on Thursday reported 62,194 new COVID-19 cases, a jump from the 57,640 cases the state recorded in the previous 24-hour period.
- Ministry of Commerce & Industry has released a statement after US backed a plan proposed by India and South Africa at the World Trade Organization to waive intellectual property protections for coronavirus vaccines.
- The Madras High Court has asked the Centre to take a decision by Friday on the revised allocation of 475 tonnes of medical oxygen to Tamil Nadu.
- Police arrested 46 people for taking out a religious procession in a village in Gujarat's Gandhinagar district to "eradicate" coronavirus, flouting COVID-19 norms.
- An elephant killed a labourer identified as Rajkumar Tori, near the Bagdapara deer forest in West Bengal's Murshidabad .
- The Bihar government's cooperative department has partnered with the state auto drivers' association for quick home delivery of fresh vegetables in Patna
- The Madhya Pradesh government took back its earlier ban on the sale and transport of soybean seeds outside the state.
- Several companies in India have been offering extra holidays to employees to de-stress amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Godrej Properties sent its employees on leave from May 5-10, saying that it's "taking a pause to heal".
- Nuvoco Vistas, the cement arm of billionaire industrialist Karsanbhai Patel's Nirma Group, has filed for a ₹5,000-crore initial public offering (IPO).



- Shares of COVID-19 vaccine makers plunged after the US backed a proposal to waive intellectual property rights for COVID-19 vaccines.
- Reliance Industries has sought permission to fly an Israeli delegation to India to train teams and install a COVID-19 breath testing system, that can give results within seconds.

INTERNATIONAL

- Bill Gates' Cascade Investment, a holding company Gates created with the proceeds of Microsoft's stock sales and dividends, transferred securities worth over \$1.8 billion (almost ₹13,300 crore) to Melinda French Gates.
- Russia has authorised the one-shot Sputnik Light version of its COVID-19 vaccine Sputnik V for use, Russian Direct Investment Fund (RDIF) said.
- Japanese town of Noto has been criticised on social media for using some of the coronavirus relief funds, it was given by the government, to build a statue of a giant squid to boost tourism.
- European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen said that the European Union is ready to discuss a proposal, now backed by the US, to waive intellectual property rights for COVID-19 vaccines.
- Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte has ordered police to arrest anyone not wearing a mask properly, including below the nose, amid surging coronavirus infections.
- The Indian Drug Manufacturers' Association (IDMA) has warned that a halt on some cargo flights from China may have "cascading effects" on drug industry's entire supply chain.
- Twitter has suspended an account called @DJTDesk, which was reportedly created by former US President Donald Trump's team.
- Gunmen shot dead Nemat Rawan, a finance ministry employee and former news anchor at TOLONews in Afghanistan's Kandahar on Thursday, local police confirmed.
- China has rejected criticism of its human rights record by foreign ministers at the Group of Seven meet in London. China's Foreign Ministry Spokesperson, Wang Wenbin, accused G-7 diplomats of "blatantly meddling" in China's affairs and said, "China strongly condemns it."
- The International Criminal Court sentenced a Ugandan ex-child soldier who turned into a brutal rebel commander to 25 years' imprisonment
- Qatar's Finance Minister Ali Shareef Al Emadi was arrested for questioning over allegations of embezzlement, abuse of power and crimes related to the public sector, state news agency QNA reported.

