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- 3,780 deaths due to coronavirus were reported in India in the last 24 hours, the biggest one-day jump since the pandemic began.
- The Supreme Court on Wednesday unanimously held that there were no exceptional circumstances justifying the grant of reservation to Marathas in excess of 50% ceiling limit.
- INOX Air Products Private Limited director, Siddharth Jain said that Delhi has got a sufficient quantity of oxygen "assuming the COVID-19 cases remain this way".
- Petrol and diesel prices have been hiked for the second consecutive day. In Delhi, petrol price has been increased by 19 paise from ₹90.55 per litre to ₹90.74 per litre and diesel price has been raised by 21 paise to ₹81.12 per litre, according to Indian Oil Corporation.
- Railway Minister Piyush Goyal on Wednesday said that Oxygen Express from Tatanagar has reached Haryana's Faridabad.
- Mamata Banerjee today took oath as the Chief Minister of West Bengal for the third straight time at Raj Bhavan in Kolkata.
- A fire broke out on Tuesday night in a nursing home in Delhi's Vikaspuri which was recently converted into a COVID-19 hospital.
- In its advisory for COVID-19 testing during the second wave, the government said, "RT-PCR test must not be repeated in any individual who has tested positive once either by RAT or RT-PCR.
- Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) received a fresh stock of one lakh COVID-19 vaccine doses on Tuesday night and it will resume vaccination of people above 45 years at BMC's and government vaccination centres, said BMC.
- RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das on Wednesday said, "The situation in India has altered drastically. Today India is fighting a ferocious rise in COVID-19 infections and mortalities.
- RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das on Wednesday announced a term liquidity facility of ₹50,000 crore for access to emergency health security till March 2022.
- A private hospital in Talegaon area in Pune district's Maval taluka allegedly refused to release the body of a 50-year-old patient, for nearly three days as his family was unable to pay the medical bill, the deceased's son stated.
- Cadbury Dairy Milk chocolate manufacturer, Mondelez International, said it would contribute nearly ₹15 crore (\$2 million) to aid COVID-19 relief efforts in India.
- A total of 14 crew members of a cargo ship that sailed to Durban from India have tested COVID-19 positive, South Africa's Transnet National Ports Authority said.





- Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) said that it has increased its daily oxygen supply limit to 1,100 metric tonnes (MT) per day.
- The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has granted permissions to telecom companies to conduct a six-month 5G trial in India that will cover urban, semi-urban and rural areas.
- India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra) has said the recovery of domestic and international air travel will be delayed by three and six months respectively, due to the sharp increase in active COVID-19 cases in India.

INTERNATIONAL

- WazirX has launched a new QuickBuy feature that allows users to buy their first crypto with just a tap. QuickBuy allows those with limited understanding of technical charts and order books to buy crypto in the fastest and the cheapest way
- Samsung has pledged \$5 million (around ₹37 crore) to help India amid the COVID-19 crisis. Of the total amount, Samsung will give around ₹22 crore to the Centre, Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu governments.
- Pfizer has said it expects global sales of its COVID-19 vaccine to hit \$26 billion in 2021, over 70% higher than its earlier forecast.
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- The US said it'd soon begin to vaccinate low-risk teens amid rising COVID-19 cases around the world. Pfizer-BioNTech in March said their vaccine was found to be safe, effective in a trial in 12-to-15-year-olds.
- North Korea's state media on Tuesday urged people to brace for a prolonged struggle against the coronavirus pandemic. It claimed that a surge in coronavirus cases and deaths globally despite the launch of vaccination drives showed that vaccines aren't the ultimate solution.
- The Taliban "would roll back much of the past two decades of progress" made in Afghanistan's women's rights if it regains national power, an US intelligence report said .
- Elon Musk's SpaceX said the company has received over five lakh orders and deposits for its Starlink satellite internet service.
- The market value of cryptocurrencies reached around \$2.3 trillion-mark, data from CoinMarketCap showed. The total market cap of cryptocurrencies stood at \$1.15 trillion on February 5 when Bitcoin was heading towards the \$37,800-mark and Ethereum was at \$1,724.

