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- The number of coronavirus cases in India has reached 51,18,253 as record 97,894 people tested positive in the last 24 hours, according to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- Nitin Gadkari, the Minister of Road Transport and Highways, has tested positive for coronavirus.
- After Minister of State for Health Ashwini Kumar Choubey said that the Centre does not have data on doctors who died of COVID-19, Indian Medical Association (IMA) said the government is "abandoning national heroes".
- Over 80% children enrolled in government schools didn't receive any form of education since the lockdown, a survey by Oxfam India across five states revealed.
- The Ministry of Home Affairs on Wednesday stated that the terrorist incidents in J&K reduced up to 54% since the abrogation of Article 370.
- India has joined the Djibouti Code of Conduct/Jeddah Amendment as Observer, the External Affairs Ministry said. DCOC is a grouping on maritime matters comprising 18 member states adjoining the Red Sea, Gulf of Aden, the East coast of Africa and Island countries in the Indian Ocean Region.
- Uttarakhand Police has launched a drive to search for skeletons of people who went missing in Rudraprayag in the flash floods in June 2013.
- Pune has reported 2,120 new COVID-19 cases in the last 24 hours, taking the city's total to 1,24,568, Mayor Murlidhar Mohol said .
- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Wednesday moved The Banking Regulation (Amendment) Bill, 2020 in Lok Sabha to bring co-operative banks under supervision of the RBI.
- Minister of State for Home Affairs G Kishan Reddy informed the Parliament that 1,198 people were detained by police under the National Security Act (NSA) across India in 2017 and 2018.
- Supreme Court has ruled that Vedanta and Videocon Industries are entitled to recover a \$499-million arbitration award from the government for developing Rajasthan's Ravva oil fields.
- Adani Green Energy on Tuesday became the first Adani Group company to hit a market value of ₹1 lakh crore.
- Former Wipro CEO Abidali Neemuchwala has joined Texas-based Dallas Venture Partners (DVP) as a venture partner. The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has begun special safety



audits of IndiGo and Vistara, as part of its flight operations quality assurance (FOQA) drive across all domestic airlines, an official said.

- The government is reportedly planning to absorb part of Air India's \$3.3 billion aircraft debt in order to attract buyers for the national carrier.

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- Amazon's main UK unit paid \$8 million in corporation tax in 2019, despite reporting sales worth over \$17.5 billion in the region.
- Swedish retailer H&M has said it will cut ties with a Chinese yarn producer in Xinjiang over accusations of "forced labour".
- A wedding in the US state of Maine is linked to 176 coronavirus cases and deaths of seven people who didn't attend the celebration.
- US President Donald Trump on Tuesday said that a vaccine against the coronavirus could be ready in three or four weeks.
- Around 30 Pakistanis living illegally in Greece were held captive on Crete Island due to their "aggressive behaviour" and were released only after intervention by Pakistani Embassy.
- US President Donald Trump recently said that the wildfires in California began because "trees just explode".
- Scientific American has endorsed the first US Presidential candidate in its 175-year history, backing Democratic Party's Joe Biden.
- Barbados announced its intention to remove Britain's Queen Elizabeth II as head of state and become a republic by November 2021.
- Thailand's lèse-majesté law makes it illegal to insult the monarchy. As per Article 112 of Thailand's criminal code, anyone convicted of defaming, insulting, or threatening the King, the Queen, the Heir-apparent or the Regent, faces between three and 15 years in prison on each count.
- US President Donald Trump denied downplaying the severity of coronavirus and claimed he "upplayed it, in terms of action".
- US President Donald Trump hosted Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu and foreign ministers of the UAE and Bahrain for the signing of the Abraham Accords at the White House.
- Officials in Germany's North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW) state said that 29 police officers have been suspended for sharing pictures of Adolf Hitler and doctored depictions of refugees in gas chambers in WhatsApp groups.

