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- Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a virtual meeting with CMs of seven worst-hit states and UT and asked them to focus on micro-containment zones to curb the spread of COVID-19.
- The Rajya Sabha passed 15 bills in two days as the Opposition boycotted proceedings in both houses in protest against the suspension of eight MPs.
- Union Minister of State for Railways Suresh Angadi passed away due to COVID-19 at the age of 65.
- Delhi Deputy CM Manish Sisodia has been admitted to LNJP Hospital after he complained of fever and low oxygen levels, ANI reported quoting the Office of Delhi Deputy CM.
- Delhi Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot has said that the e-ticketing app 'Chartr' will cover all DTC and cluster buses from first week of November. The second trial of the application was conducted between September 7 and 21 across over 60 routes.
- The Delhi Police have alleged in a chargesheet that "key conspirators" in the February riots case had "decided to deploy the ultimate guerrilla strategy of blaming the law enforcement for the carnage".
- Flight Lieutenant Shivangi Singh has become the first woman pilot to join Rafale's 'Golden Arrows' Squadron in Ambala.
- Punjab CM Captain Amarinder Singh urged PM Narendra Modi to direct authorities for urgent steps to ensure adequate supplies of oxygen in Punjab from other states.
- Block Development Council Chairman of Khag, Bhupinder Singh was shot dead by terrorists in J&K's Budgam district, police said.
- A fire broke out evening in the building of a private company in Noida in the industrial Sector 59 of the NCR city, police said.
- Rajya Sabha has passed the Jammu and Kashmir Official Languages Bill, 2020 to include Kashmiri, Dogri and Hindi in the list of official languages in the Union Territory.
- OPPO's #BeTheInfinite campaign in association with MS Dhoni aims to focus on motivating people to always keep the passion alive, no matter what hurdles life throws.
- Mumbai Indians all-rounder Hardik Pandya has become the second player from the franchise to get out hit wicket in IPL history.



- The Centre on Wednesday told the Supreme Court that Sudarshan TV's show, which allegedly targeted UPSC candidates on the basis of religion, prima facie violated programme code.
- Mumbai-based device lifecycle management platform Servify has raised \$23-million in its Series C funding led by existing investor, Iron Pillar, the startup announced on Wednesday. Existing investors Blume Ventures, Tetrao SPF and BEENEXT also participated in the round.
- Outsourced employees of Hyderabad's Gandhi Hospital staged a protest demanding payment of pending salaries along with the add-ons that were promised to them.
- Promoter Tata Sons has raised its stake in Tata Chemicals and Tata Motors DVR through open market transactions. Tata Sons bought 22.1 lakh shares of Tata Chemicals for ₹63.56 crore and 37.6 lakh shares of Tata Motors DVR 'A' ordinary for ₹22.51 crore.
- Sikkim CM Prem Singh Tamang's wife Krishna Rai took to Facebook to announce that she and some of her family members have tested positive for coronavirus.

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- Microsoft Co-founder and world's second-richest person Bill Gates, during a business summit by The Economic Times, said that work from home culture has worked well and many companies will continue with the system even after the coronavirus pandemic ends.
- Russian President Vladimir Putin, while addressing the UN General Assembly, said that Russia is ready to provide the UN staff with its 'Sputnik V' COVID-19 vaccine for free.
- Russia will soon register a second COVID-19 vaccine, Russian President Vladimir Putin said speaking to the Russian Upper House lawmakers.
- Singer Zayn Malik announced he and his girlfriend, supermodel Gigi Hadid have been blessed with their first child.
- TikTok introduced new policies banning ads that promote fasting apps and weight loss supplements.
- The first direct commercial flight between Israel and Bahrain landed in the Gulf country on Wednesday, reports citing the flight data of an Israir Airlines plane said.
- In his first address to the UN General Assembly, Saudi Arabia's King Salman said that Iran's actions have led to instability in the Middle East and threatened international peace and security.
- India and China have issued a joint statement on the recent talks between the military commanders of the two countries on the border standoff.





- America's Johnson & Johnson on Wednesday began the final-stage clinical trial of its coronavirus vaccine. It's the first vaccine in development that aims to protect people from coronavirus with one shot instead of two shots.
- Saudi Arabia's General Authority of Civil Aviation has suspended travel to and from India, Brazil and Argentina due to the rising number of COVID-19 cases.
- Russian government-controlled RT network made a parody video showing US President Donald Trump working as a news anchor at the channel.
- A nuclear-powered icebreaker which Russia says is the world's largest and most powerful has embarked on a two-week journey to the Arctic.
- The Eiffel Tower has been evacuated after authorities received an anonymous phone call around noon local time claiming a bomb had been planted there.
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- Federal prosecutors said that a 65-year-old Pakistani-American, Obaidullah Syed, has been arrested for allegedly exporting high-performance computer equipment and software application solutions from the US to Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission illegally
- Russian opposition leader Alexey Navalny, who Germany said was poisoned with Novichok nerve agent, has been discharged from a German hospital after 32 days.

