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- Delhi High Court on Monday asked Delhi government to set up COVID-19 testing centres at bus stops within seven days for migrants returning from different states.
- Ola, Uber has announced a strike in Delhi NCR from Tuesday. It is demanding a concession period for the companies running cabs till December 31 and an increase in fares. Kamaljeet Singh Gill, president of the Delhi Sarvodaya Drivers Association, said that nearly two lakh cab drivers have declared the strike as the government is not paying any heed to the demands.
- To prevent the spread of corona infection, the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) has introduced a smart card facility. By closing the token system, Metro management is registering passengers on the Auto Pay app, so that passengers can recharge smart cards from anywhere. So far, 4,600 passengers have registered on the app, whereas before the lockdown, about 27 lakh passengers used to travel daily.
- Former President Pranab Mukherjee passed away at the age of 84 in Delhi. He was admitted to Army Hospital earlier this month after undergoing emergency life-saving surgery from a brain clot. He had also tested positive for coronavirus.
- The Supreme Court directed fugitive businessman Vijay Mallya to be present in person before the court on October 5 at 2 pm.
- Corona cases are increasing rapidly in the Haryana state. 1479 new patients were found. Panipat has the highest number of 190 new cases. Jind MLA Krishna Middha and former Transport Minister Krishna Panwar in Panipat have also been found corona infected. Now the total number of infected has reached 65651. 20 patients lost their lives in the last 24 hours. This is the second highest number of deaths from corona in a day.
- In Haryana, the younger generation suffers from addiction. In such a situation, it seems a bit difficult to wish for a bright future for the country. In this series, a campaign will be launched in every village of the district to get the youth out of the clutches of drugs and to protect them from this trend.
- Faridabad. On Monday, the Health Department has identified 103 new patients, while 108 people have recovered by beating Corona. A corona infected has also died. Now the number of active cases in the district is only 734.
- Faridabad, the thugs has spread in the city can be gauged from the fact that now they are also taking contracts to get bail from the court. One such case has come up in the Central Police Station area. The thugs cheated a contractor for Rs 3 lakh in exchange for getting his bail.
- The police have arrested a crook, who lived in Tihar Jail along with the police, for rape and attempt to kill. While the two accused escaped. A bag, a pistol and 7 cartridges were recovered from them. The said rogue has been caught by Dayalbagh police during night patrol.
- Nine deaths, three in Jammu and six in the Valley, were reported during the same period, taking the deadly virus toll to 703 in the UT.
- Pakistani troops violated ceasefire 2,952 times in J&K during the first seven months of 2020, an RTI query has revealed.
- The Defence Ministry has signed a ₹2,580-crore contract with Bharat Earth Movers Ltd (BEML), Tata Power Company Ltd (TPCL) and Larsen & Toubro to equip the Army with six Pinaka rocket regiments.
- Maharashtra government on Monday released guidelines for easing restrictions and phase-wise opening of lockdown, according to which hotels and lodges would be allowed to operate at 100% capacity from September 2.











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- India's GDP growth contracted by a record 23.9% in the April-June quarter as the country went into lockdown to curb the spread of the coronavirus, official figures showed.
- A flower decorator in Bengaluru, who had lost ₹5,000 while trying to purchase a mobile phone on OLX, has allegedly duped around 7 people of ₹12 lakh.
- Traders' body CAIT has urged the government to order an investigation into Chinese investments in 141 Indian startups to determine their investment control in these firms.
- India's fiscal deficit in the April-July stood at ₹8.21 lakh crore as against ₹5.47 lakh crore year-on-year, as per data released on August 31.
- Adani Group announced that it has bought out GVK Group and minority partners to take control of Mumbai Airport. The Ahmedabad-based conglomerate bought out GVK's 50.5% stake, while it said that it will soon buy Airports Company South Africa's 10% and Bidvest Group's 13.5% stake as well.

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- TikTok has selected a company to buy its US, New Zealand and Australian businesses and the deal could be announced tomorrow, CNBC reported.
- Thousands of people were stuck on high-speed TGV trains for up to 20 hours after they halted due to electrical problems in southwestern France.
- Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi said the Czech Republic's Senate Speaker Miloš Vystrčil will pay a "heavy price" for making an official trip to Taiwan.
- The Indian Army has said that between August 29 and 30, Chinese troops violated the previous consensus arrived at during military and diplomatic engagements over the standoff in Ladakh.
- Directorate General of Civil Aviation has extended ban on international commercial passenger flights to and from India till September 30.
- Lebanese President Michel Aoun on Monday named Mustapha Adib, who has been the country's envoy to Germany since 2013, as the new Prime Minister.
- Over 20 people have been hospitalised due to carbon monoxide poisoning after attending a rave in an underground bunker in Norwegian capital Oslo.
- Urging South Asian women to run for office and take up leadership roles in their communities, US Vice Presidential candidate Kamala Harris said, "Leadership begins the day you're born."
- China's military does not have "the formal combat capability to fully assault Taiwan", Taiwanese Defence Ministry said in a report.
- A US-Israeli delegation led by US President Donald Trump's adviser and son-in-law Jared Kushner arrived in the UAE aboard the "historic" first direct commercial flight from Israel .
- US President Donald Trump called Shinzo Abe "the greatest Prime Minister in the history of Japan" during a call between the two leaders and later in a tweet as well.
- World's second-richest person Bill Gates wrote a blog for his friend and the world's sixth-richest person, Warren Buffett, on his 90th birthday.
- Americans who used to drive to work are saving an estimated \$758 million a day since the COVID-19 pandemic, according to a new study by Upwork economist Adam Ozimek cited by Bloomberg.







