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### **NATIONAL**

- Swaminarayan Akshardham Temple in East Delhi will reopen for visitors from October 13 after months of being closed due to coronavirus.
- Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal applauded the healthcare workers of Delhi's Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Narayan Hospital, which has successfully treated a chunk of Covid patients in the country.
- The Delhi BJP will hold tractor pujas and rallies as part of its campaign to counter the opposition's attack on farm laws passed recently by parliament and reach out to farmers in rural pockets of the city, party leaders said.
- Sushil Gupta, Rajya Sabha member and AAP Haryana in charge, asked the JJP to withdraw support to the BJP-led government in Haryana on the issue of 'anti-farmer' agricultural Acts.
- The Revenue Department, District Town Planning Department and Uttar Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam have failed to initiate action against the illegal bleaching units operational in the textile city despite four reminders each given by the Haryana State Pollution Control Board (HSPCB).
- A Jalandhar-based firm has been allotted the contract to construct a solid waste management plant, 10 km from the Indian Air Force (IAF) station in Ambala Cantonment.
- Security forces responsible for guarding borders and also the inner parts of Jammu and Kashmir have revealed that terrorists, who are infiltrating without arms, are adopting innovative ways to hide themselves.
- The excavation work inside a 8.6-km-long railway tunnel in Banihal area of Jammu and Kashmir's Ramban district has been completed after 10 years of construction work, officials said .
- 141 prisoners were released from various prisons in Telangana since Saturday, following the remission granted by the state government on Gandhi Jayanti.
- Union Minister and Lok Janshakti Party (LJP) founder Ram Vilas Paswan has undergone a heart surgery, his son Chirag Paswan tweeted .
- Former secretary (SC/ST cell) of the state unit of the RJD Shakti Malik was allegedly shot dead morning in Bihar's Purnia.
- 7 Class 9 and 10 students who had been attending government schools in Andhra Pradesh's Vizianagaram district have tested positive for coronavirus, prompting authorities to shut down the two schools for a week starting from Monday.
- Bhim Army chief Chandrashekhar Azad on Sunday visited the Hathras victim's family and demanded that 'Y' security cover be provided to them.
- Customs officials in Hyderabad have seized 21 kilograms of gold and diamonds worth over ₹25 crore from the Rajiv Gandhi International Airport.
- An Assam Rifles jawan was martyred and another injured after the water tanker they were travelling in was attacked by suspected militants in Arunachal Pradesh's Changlang district on Sunday, police said.
- Union Minister Piyush Goyal Sunday announced that India will have the world's largest 100% electrified railway network by 2023.



- Reliance Industries subsidiary Reliance Life Sciences has developed an RT-PCR kit that can give COVID-19 diagnosis results in two hours.
- Fifty-six founders of various Indian startups met on a Zoom call earlier this week to discuss a range of issues including establishing an alternative to Google Play Store.
- Google Play Store has removed Dukaan app after Karnataka HC restrained its Co-founder Suumit Shah from running the application until the next date of hearing.
- IndiaMART CEO Dinesh Agarwal has said that Indian entrepreneurs are considering forming a startup association aimed chiefly at lodging protests with the Indian government and courts against Google

## INTERNATIONAL

- US President Donald Trump's medical team on Monday provided an update on his health saying that his condition is improving and he could be discharged to the White House as early as Monday.
- Luxury cruise ships are being dismantled for scrap metal sales at a sea dock in Turkey after COVID-19 pandemic hit the travel industry.
- Amazon on Thursday revealed that 19,816 of its 1,372,000 US frontline workers contracted the coronavirus since March.
- Operators of Singapore's Changi Airport, which has been awarded the world's best airport title for an eighth consecutive year by Skytrax, said, "The battle with COVID-19 has only just begun.
- Tesla's billionaire CEO Elon Musk indicated that US electric carmaker will make its foray into India in 2021.
- Transport for London (TfL), the city's transport regulator said it has refused to grant Ola a licence to continue operations in London "after discovering...failures that could have risked public safety".
- More than 1 lakh Americans registered in a day to vote in the upcoming presidential election after YouTuber David Dobrik promised to give Tesla cars to five people.
- A 63-year-old US woman has been sentenced to 4.5 years in prison for stealing merchandise and selling it on eBay for 19 years.
- Thousands of people are protesting against the restrictions imposed due to the coronavirus pandemic in southern Germany, police said.
- Foreign travellers visiting Nepal with a COVID-19 negative report will not be required to quarantine themselves for seven days from October 17, an official from Tourism Ministry.
- Denmark has decided to cull around 10 lakh mink after finding further coronavirus infections among the animals at farms that breed them for their fur.
- A majority of voters in the South Pacific archipelago of New Caledonia voted against independence from France in a referendum, its second poll since 2018.
- Chinese President Xi Jinping said he stands ready to take China-Bangladesh strategic partnership of cooperation to new heights.
- Saudi Arabia allowed pilgrims residing in the country to perform Umrah after a seven-month pause due to coronavirus pandemic.

