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### **NATIONAL**

- Coronavirus recoveries in India have exceeded the number of active cases by 55 lakh, with recoveries reaching 63,83,441 and active cases reaching 8,12,390.
- Army Chief General MM Naravane will visit Nepal in November where he'll be conferred with the honorary rank of General of the Nepali Army in an investiture ceremony, the Nepalese Army said.
- The Punjab government has decided not to open multiplexes, cinema halls and entertainment parks in the state yet, said Raveen Thukral, media advisor to Punjab's Chief Minister.
- National Conference leaders Farooq Abdullah and Omar Abdullah met PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti at her residence in Srinagar on Wednesday, a day after she was released from detention after 14 months.
- The Rajasthan government has approved a proposal for recruitment of 31,000 Grade-III teachers after the Rajasthan Eligibility Examination for Teachers (REET) takes place, according to an official statement.
- Maharashtra police have begun an inquiry after a two-page suicide note was recovered from the abdomen of a murder convict in Nashik central jail, hours after he hanged himself.
- Finance ministers of Group of Twenty (G20) countries met virtually and pledged to do "whatever it takes" to support the global economy amid the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Former Uttar Pradesh CM and Samajwadi Party Founder Mulayam Singh Yadav has tested positive for coronavirus, the party's official account tweeted.
- Mumbai has witnessed its highest 24-hour October rainfall in 10 years as the Santacruz weather observatory, representative of the suburbs and Mumbai, recorded 86.5 mm of rain .
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- A brand manager working with jewellery brand Tanishq was forced to delete his LinkedIn profile as he was trolled and threatened with his life after the company released an ad showing a Hindu-Muslim couple.
- India's second-largest software services company Infosys on Wednesday said it will roll out salary increases and promotions across all levels effective January 1.
- Future Group Founder Kishore Biyani said his company lost nearly ₹7,000 crore revenue in first three-four months of the COVID-19 pandemic, which led him to sell his business to Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Industries.
- Kotak Mahindra Bank's MD Uday Kotak said that corporate India needs to change its quarter-to-quarter mindset of looking at their business and start focussing on medium-term outlook.

### **INTERNATIONAL**

- The total market capitalisation of all shares listed on China's Shanghai and Shenzhen markets has climbed to a record high of \$10.08 trillion
- Reacting to North Korea unveiling new ballistic missiles, US Defense Secretary Mark Esper said that North Korea's nuclear and missile programme poses a "serious threat" to the world.
- The world's biggest movie theatre chain AMC Entertainment has warned that it could run out of money by the end of this year.
- WHO Chief Scientist Soumya Swaminathan has said "a healthy young person might have to wait for coronavirus vaccine until 2022."
- Russia has granted regulatory approval to a second COVID-19 vaccine, Russian President Vladimir Putin announced on Wednesday at a government meeting.
- The World Bank said that it has approved \$12 billion for developing countries to finance the purchase and distribution of COVID-19 vaccines, tests and treatments for their citizens.
- Malaysia's total coronavirus cases rose to 17,540 after it reported 660 new cases, the health ministry said on Wednesday.
- Disruptions in services caused by the COVID-19 pandemic have led to major setbacks to tuberculosis (TB) programmes, a World Health Organization (WHO) TB report said.
- Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov has said that Moscow will respond "in kind" to European Union (EU) sanctions.
- The US said that it's "deeply disappointed by the election of China, Russia and Cuba to seats on the UN Human Rights Council".

