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- The number of coronavirus cases in India has reached 72,39,389 as 63,509 people tested positive in the last 24 hours, according to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- The Delhi government has urged the CBSE to extend the deadline for payment of board exam fees for Classes 10 and 12 from October 15 to November 14.
- Adhiraaj Sejwal, an eight-year-old boy in Delhi, has raised ₹2 lakh for more than 100 government school students who had been facing financial hardships to pay their board exam fee.
- The Air Quality Index (AQI) in Ghaziabad on Monday dropped to the 'very poor' category for the first time since February, according to the Central Pollution Control Board's figures.
- Actor-turned-politician Kushboo Sundar on Tuesday claimed she was insulted in Congress and that there was "no freedom to speak the truth" within the party.
- Former Jammu and Kashmir CM Mehbooba Mufti has been released after spending over 14 months in detention following abrogation of Article 370.
- The Allahabad High Court has said, "The victim was at least entitled to decent cremation in accordance with her religious customs and rituals which essentially are to be performed by her family."
- The Shri Kedarnath Utthan Charitable Trust (SKUCT) has assigned ₹120 crores for various construction works in Kedarnath temple premises.
- Following her release from detention after a period of 14 months, former Jammu and Kashmir CM Mehbooba Mufti on Tuesday said, "We will have to take back what New Delhi snatched from us illegally, undemocratically and unconstitutionally."
- Mumbai Police has sent a show-cause notice to Republic TV's Editor-in-Chief Arnab Goswami asking why he should not be made to sign a bond of good behaviour.
- Around ₹8.73 lakh was collected as fine from 4,369 citizens in Mumbai on Monday for not wearing masks in public places on the first day of BMC's drive to book at least 20,000 such citizens daily.
- The 24-year-old law student, who had accused former BJP minister Chinmayanand of sexual assault and harassment, has disowned her statement before a court in Lucknow.
- Odisha Police claimed to have seized 1,054 quintals of cannabis in the last 9 months with DGP Abhay saying that ISRO satellites are helping the police to locate ganja cultivation.



- A central team of medical experts, including AIIMS professor Dr Arvind Kushwaha, has warned about a possible second wave of COVID-19 infections in Pune in December-January, the Pune Municipal Corporation health chief Dr Ashish Bharti said.
- An experimental satellite, 'Indian Sat', made by three Tamil Nadu students, M Adnaan, M Kesavan and V Arun, will be launched by NASA in sub-orbital space, The Hindu reported. It's made of reinforced graphene polymer, is three centimetres in size and weighs 64 grams.
- The Municipal Corporation of Gurugram (MCG) has set a 24-hour deadline for the Energy Efficiency Services Limited to fix all non-functional LED streetlights in the city, according to the officials. .

INTERNATIONAL

- American pharmaceutical company Pfizer will include participants as young as 12 in its large, late-stage COVID-19 vaccine trial to understand how it works in a wider age group.
- WHO head Tedros Adhanom warned against deliberately allowing COVID-19 to spread for herd immunity, calling the approach "scientifically and ethically problematic".
- The government in Brazil's Belem ordered a newly-opened department store to be closed after hundreds of shoppers turned up ignoring social distancing norms.
- The WHO said that the fighting between Azerbaijan and Armenian forces over the Nagorno-Karabakh region has helped spread COVID-19 in the territory.
- A private medical laboratory in Singapore accidentally disposed of 233 COVID-19 swab samples before they were tested, prompting authorities to investigate the matter.
- The total number of coronavirus cases in Argentina increased to 903,730 as 9,524 people tested positive in the last 24 hours, according to the health ministry.
- Referring to comments on lockdowns made by World Health Organization (WHO) envoy David Nabarro, US President Donald Trump said that WHO "admitted" that he was right.
- EU's 27 member states have agreed on a common approach to COVID-19 travel rules to facilitate free movement across the bloc.
- Democratic nominee Joe Biden while addressing a rally in Florida said Donald Trump's "handling of this pandemic has been erratic just like his presidency."
- Norway's Foreign Minister Ine Eriksen Søreide has alleged that Russia was behind a cyberattack launched against the Norwegian parliament in August.

