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NATIONAL

- Civil Aviation Minister Hardeep Singh Puri on Thursday announced the extension of domestic airfares cap, earlier announced till November 24, by three months.
- The government on Thursday extended the income-tax exemption for the payment of cash equivalent of Leave Travel Concession (LTC) fare to the non-Central Government employees.
- Delhi cabinet has approved over ₹40 crore to provide medical insurance of ₹5 lakh and term insurance of ₹10 lakh to lawyers who are residents of the national capital, Delhi Law Minister Kailash Gahlot said .
- Delhi University set up a fact-finding committee to probe lapses and look into "controversial" appointments made by the suspended Vice-Chancellor Yogesh Tyagi.
- Delhi Environment Minister Gopal Rai said that the government has directed all district magistrates and the Delhi Police to ensure that only green fire-crackers are manufactured, stored and sold through licensed traders.
- Noida Authority has said that it imposed total penalties worth ₹12.85 lakh on entities that were violating the air pollution guidelines .
- Bengaluru's Regional Passport Office has decided to ask Jammu and Kashmir Police to speed up the verification process so that J&K natives in Karnataka can receive their passports soon.
- A group of wedding guests who flew into Andhra Pradesh in a helicopter have been booked by police for not having prior permission from district authorities.
- After a 15-year-old boy died while in police custody in Bengal's Birbhum, BJP alleged that he was beaten to death as his parents were supporters of the saffron party.
- Medical institutes in Bengaluru are now undertaking studies to test how effective the Bacillus Calmette-Guerin (BCG) vaccine is in shielding the elderly against COVID-19.
- Delhi Lieutenant Governor Anil Baijal has approved Aam Aadmi Party's proposal to allow buses to run with a full seating capacity under Unlock 5.
- Indian Army has developed a messaging application, the 'Secure Application for Internet' (SAI), that supports end-to-end secure voice, text and video calling services for Android platform over the internet.
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- The Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TSRTC) is set to auction nearly 800 buses in Hyderabad and Karimnagar. The auctioning process of nearly 400 buses is already underway.
- Navi Mumbai Police have arrested a 28-year-old Mumbai man for allegedly posing as a sub-inspector on a social networking site and cheating a policewoman of ₹10,000.
- Valuing its 18.37% holding in Tata Sons at \$24 billion, Mistry family proposed to swap its stake for pro-rata shares in listed Tata companies. According to the scheme, the Mistrys would get an \$18 billion stake in TCS alone.
- Hyderabad-based pharmaceutical company Laurus Labs is planning to spend up to ₹1,500 crore over the next 24 months to expand its production capacity, Founder and CEO Satyanarayana Chava said.

INTERNATIONAL

- Walmart has temporarily removed firearms and ammunition from the sales floors of its US stores as a precaution, citing isolated incidents of civil unrest in some areas.
- Speaking at her first joint rally with her husband Donald Trump this year, First Lady Melania Trump said "a vote for President Trump is a vote for a better America."
- Apple shares fell over 5% in after-hours trade , wiping \$100 billion from its market value after it reported that iPhone sales dropped 21% in September quarter.
- Nineteen people have been killed in Turkey and Greece after a 7.0-magnitude earthquake struck the Aegean Sea .
- Top US infectious diseases expert Dr Anthony Fauci has warned of "unrelenting" spread of coronavirus in the US, adding that the country is "going in the wrong direction".
- Paris region saw traffic jams with a combined length of around 700 kilometres on Thursday evening, just hours before France entered its second coronavirus lockdown.
- Kenya Medical Research Institute has said that Kenya has joined the global clinical trial of Oxford University's vaccine candidate against coronavirus.
- Top US infectious diseases expert Dr Anthony Fauci said if everything goes well, the first doses of COVID-19 vaccines will be available to some high-risk Americans in late December or early January. "
- Tanzania's President John Magufuli has won re-election with a landslide victory that the opposition dismissed as a "travesty". The Election Commission said Magufuli received 12.5 million votes, while his main rival Tundu Lissu secured 1.9 million votes.

