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### **NATIONAL**

- The number of coronavirus cases in India has reached 73,70,468 as 63,371 people tested positive in the last 24 hours, according to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- India will provide a kilo class submarine INS Sindhuvir to the Myanmar Navy and this will be the first submarine of the neighbouring country.
- Paytm Mall has announced its 'Maha Shopping Festival' from October 16th-23rd offering discounts up to 80% across Mobiles, Electronics, Fashion, Groceries & Appliances.
- Delhi Environment Minister Gopal Rai on Thursday issued directions to impose a fine of ₹20 lakh on Public Works Department (PWD) for violating dust control norms at a construction site in Burari.
- Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal has said that "staying in denial" about stubble burning "will not help".
- Delhi High Court has declined to pass interim order in plea seeking no FIR be filed for triple talaq pronouncement by a husband on his wife.
- WarnerMedia said it'll discontinue its movie and entertainment channels HBO and WB in India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Maldives on December 15.
- Punjab Education Minister Vijay Inder Singla has said that the state government has decided to reopen schools in the areas outside containment zones from October 19 for students of classes 9 to 12.
- Pune has witnessed its highest 24-hour October rainfall in the past decade, which was also the third-highest for the month in 120 years, the India Meteorological Department said.
- The death toll due to heavy rains and flash floods in Telangana has risen to 50, Chief Minister's Office said.
- The Congress has fielded Luv Sinha, son of actor-politician Shatrughan Sinha, from the Bankipore seat in the Bihar Assembly elections .
- Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation Standing Committee Chairman Yashwant Jadhav has said there's no need to limit the number of proposals to be presented at its October 21 meeting.
- Regarding the India-China border standoff, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Thursday said, "Discussions are on; what is going on is something confidential between us and the Chinese."
- Former Indian Air Force (IAF) pilot Gunjan Saxena told Delhi HC she didn't face any gender bias throughout her career in IAF.



- Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC) is set to start a scheme 'COVID Suraksha Kavach' under which the urban poor registered in PMC's Economically Backward Class scheme (EBS) will get ₹2 lakh insurance for COVID-19 treatment.
- Telangana CM K Chandrashekar Rao has said that the state has suffered losses of ₹5,000 crore due to the heavy rainfall and flash floods.

### INTERNATIONAL

- EU Health Commissioner Stella Kyriakides urged member nations on Thursday to scale up preparedness against the new rise in coronavirus infections, saying, "Time is running out."
- Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen on Thursday took to Twitter to say that her country was "lucky to be home to many Indian restaurants and Taiwanese people love them".
- Brazilian Police found bundles of cash totalling nearly ₹3.9 lakh hidden between the buttocks of an official named Chico Rodrigues during a raid at his home.
- Merriam-Webster deemed the word 'sexual preference' to be 'offensive' after its use by US Supreme Court nominee Amy Coney Barrett caused a controversy.
- A Mexican man named Ricardo Pimentel opened his home to about 300 dogs as Hurricane Delta closed in on Mexico's Yucatán peninsula.
- WHO Regional Director for Europe Hans Kluge on Thursday said that the exponential rise in coronavirus cases across the continent recently has warranted the restrictive measures being imposed in numerous countries.
- Speaking in reference to the global conference held in the US in 1944, IMF MD Kristalina Georgieva claimed the world is facing a new Bretton Woods moment.
- European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen left the European Union summit in Brussels, less than an hour after it began, as one of her staffers tested positive for coronavirus.
- US President Donald Trump on Thursday said, "I haven't spoken to him (Chinese President Xi Jinping) in a while because I don't want to speak to him."
- Israel approved 1,313 new settler homes in the occupied West Bank in the first such go-ahead since it suspended annexation plans.
- Australia's New South Wales is offering over ₹5.2 crore reward for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the murder of a 25-year-old German tourist, Simone Strobel, in 2005.

