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- Addressing the Grand Challenges Annual Meeting through video conferencing, PM Narendra Modi said, "India has one of the highest [Covid-19] recovery rates of 88%."
- India formally invited Australia to join Malabar naval exercise which means that all four member countries of the 'Quad' or quadrilateral coalition will participate in the mega drill.
- Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal on Monday said problem of pollution due to stubble burning can be solved in a short time period but there's lack of political will.
- UP CM Yogi Adityanath has said that his government will soon launch a drive to initiate legal action against all those who are a threat to women security.
- A Chinese soldier has been apprehended by security forces in Chumar-Demchok area of Ladakh,
- CBI booked BSP MLA Vinay Shankar Tiwari and his wife Rita Tiwari in a case of alleged fraud amounting to ₹754.24 crore in a Bank of India-led consortium.
- The IMD said that Pune city is likely to receive more rain between October 20 and 21.
- The customs officials busted a unique modus operandi of gold smuggling by seizing gold hidden in petroleum jelly containers and hair gel tubes at Chennai airport.
- The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on Tuesday said that the five states which are most affected by COVID-19 have seen a decline in the number of cases since the last one month.
- OPPO has launched a short film 'Phuljhari' under its 'Be the light, to spread the light' campaign. Phuljhari is a story of a man who brings happiness on the face of two underprivileged kids by contributing to their desire to celebrate Diwali.
- The CSIR-Institute of Himalayan Bioresource Technology has started the cultivation of asafoetida for the first time in India.
- Rajasthan Royals defeated Chennai Super Kings by seven wickets on Monday to go fifth on the IPL 2020 points table. CSK registered the lowest first innings total of IPL 2020 after managing 125/5 in their 20 overs.
- The Kerala government is set to inaugurate 22 tourism projects on October 22.
- Domestic carrier IndiGo said it would charge flyers ₹100 starting October 17 if they want to check-in at the airport counter.
- The government is discussing the possibility of selling its entire stake in public banks once they are privatised, reported Business Standard.





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- The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) said it'll stockpile 52 crore syringes in its warehouses by the end of 2020, to be used for the delivery of any future coronavirus vaccine.
- Doctor Michael Osterholm, Director of Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy at the University of Minnesota, said the next 6-12 weeks are going to be the darkest of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The US is the most powerful country influencing the Asia-Pacific, however, China is closing in on the US, according to Sydney-based Lowy Institute's Asia Power Index for 2020.
- The Chinese government on Monday denied a newspaper report that claimed it had warned the US it might arbitrarily detain Americans in China.
- The UK National Cyber Security Centre has revealed that Russian hackers targeted this year's Olympic Games in Tokyo with the aim of disrupting them.
- Pakistan on Monday said it has decided to lift a ban on TikTok, 10 days after it was banned in the country for failing to filter out 'immoral and indecent' content. "
- China, the world's second-largest economy, expanded 4.9% in the July-September quarter compared to a year ago, according to government statistics released.
- The SSC Tuatara hypercar made by SSC North America has broken the world's fastest production vehicle record by achieving an average speed of 316.11 mph (508.73 kmph).
- A 7.5-magnitude earthquake off the coast of Alaska triggered a small tsunami on Monday, US agencies said. The National Tsunami Warning Center said wave levels hit 2 feet.
- Greece's government on Monday said it has finalised plans to extend a wall along its northeast border with Turkey over concerns that migrants may try to stage mass crossings.
- South Africa's Health Minister Zweli Mkhize and his wife May Mkhize tested positive for coronavirus, an official statement said.
- A Taiwanese diplomat in Fiji suffered a head injury and was taken to a hospital after a confrontation with two Chinese diplomats on October 8, Taiwan's Deputy Foreign Minister Harry Tseng said on Monday.
- Marriott Bonvoy, Marriott International's loyalty programme has collaborated with Mumbai Indians to give its members exclusive digital experiences.

