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- The Muslim graveyard, Qabristan Ahle Islam, in Delhi is running out of burial space amid rise in COVID-19 deaths with victims from NCR also being buried there, according to an official.
- Stubble burning in Punjab increased by 46% this year in comparison to last year, while in Haryana it went down by 28.6%, according to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
- Several flights have been cancelled ahead of Cyclone Nivar's landfall. The cyclone is expected to make landfall between Mamallapuram in Tamil Nadu and Karaikal in Puducherry late on Wednesday with a wind speed of up to 145 kmph, according to India Meteorological Department (IMD).
- Senior Congress leader Ahmed Patel, who was hospitalised after testing positive for coronavirus last month, passed away in early hours of Wednesday aged 71 due to multiple organ failures, his son Faisal tweeted.
- The Centre on Tuesday told the Supreme Court that deliberations on the issue related to removal of around 48,000 slum dwellings along the railway tracks in Delhi were going on. Solicitor General Tushar Mehta told the apex court, "We are not taking any coercive steps."
- Pictures of pink flowers covering water bodies in and around Kerala's Avala Pandi village have gone viral on social media, leading to a surge in the number of tourists.
- President Ram Nath Kovind boarded the Air India One-B777 aircraft on Tuesday for its inaugural flight to Chennai, according to a Rashtrapati Bhavan statement.
- The Indian Medical Association (IMA) has demanded withdrawal of a Central Council of Indian Medicine notification authorising post-graduate Ayurveda practitioners to perform surgical procedures, saying the move was a "khichadification" of medical education and practice.
- COVID-19 situation in West Bengal is under control and the state is tackling the pandemic situation well, West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee told PM Narendra Modi during a video conference on Tuesday, according to a senior government official.
- Mumbai's BEST has started conducting Rapid Antigen Tests on its frontline workers. Out of 1,000 workers, who were tested in the first phase, five have tested positive for COVID-19.
- Hyderabad's 26-year-old Syeda Falak, who is the first person from Telangana to qualify for the World and Asian Karate Championships, joined the AIMIM party .



- India and the US have extended an MoU concerning cooperation with the Global Centre for Nuclear Energy Partnership (GCNEP) India, for 10 more years.
- Police on Saturday arrested a 35-year-old man for allegedly raping two of his minor relatives in Mumbai. The accused had lured the two girls, aged seven and eight years, into his house after offering them eatables, police said.

INTERNATIONAL

- US President Donald Trump celebrated the Thanksgiving holiday on Tuesday by pardoning a turkey at the White House.
- In a speech against domestic violence, Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu said that "women are animals with rights". "
- In his book 'Let Us Dream: The Path to a Better Future', Pope Francis has for the first time referred to China's Uighur Muslims as "persecuted" group.
- A 17-year-old American YouTuber crashed his father's ₹25 crore purple Pagani Huayra Roadster supercar.
- Travellers arriving in England from December 15 can leave their quarantine after five days by showing a COVID-19 negative test report, the government said.
- International air travellers in the future will require to get vaccinated against coronavirus to board Qantas flights, the Australian airline's chief Alan Joyce has said.
- Poland's Foreign Minister Zbigniew Rau has said the country will see how the political and legal situation develops in the US before recognising Joe Biden as the new president.
- US President-elect Joe Biden on Tuesday announced nominations for his national security and foreign policy team, saying "America is back".
- US President-elect Joe Biden is certainly a "very weak president" and could "start wars", Chinese government advisor Zheng Yongnian said.
- External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has announced that India will launch over 100 high-impact community projects in Afghanistan worth \$80 million (₹592 crore) as the country's development portfolio in Afghanistan has reached over \$3 billion so far.
- At least 17 people were killed and over 50 others were injured in two bomb blasts in Afghanistan's Bamiyan city, officials said.

