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- India has reported 44,059 new coronavirus cases in the last 24 hours, taking the number of total COVID-19 cases in the country to 91,39,865.
- India coach Ravi Shastri said Virat Kohli made the "right decision" to return home for the birth of his first child during Test series against Australia.
- India has previously witnessed recessions in the fiscal years 1957-58, 1965-66, 1972-73 and in 1979-80. The economy grew at -1.2%, -3.7%, -0.3% and -5.2% in these years, respectively. India is likely to have entered a recession in the July-September quarter.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi while addressing the G20 Summit virtually on Sunday said that it's "important to keep our focus on fighting climate change".
- The central government's Air Quality Early Warning System for Delhi said Delhi-NCR's air quality is likely to deteriorate to the "very poor" category on Monday due to unfavourable meteorological conditions.
- The Delhi Police has arrested Assistant Sub-Inspector Rajbir Singh, who won the President's Police Medal for Gallantry in 2005, for allegedly plotting to extort ₹2 crore from a builder with a gangster's help.
- A joint team of BSF and J&K Police detected a tunnel suspected to be used by terrorists. The BSF said that it originates from Pakistan side of International Border and exits into Indian side in Jammu's Samba district.
- The air quality remained in the "poor" category in Noida, Greater Noida, Ghaziabad, Gurugram and Faridabad in the NCR on Sunday, a government agency said.
- Uttarakhand CM Trivendra Singh Rawat has said that Kumbh Mela will be held at Haridwar in 2021 despite the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad has blamed the five-star culture among the leaders for the party's recent losses in elections and said the party leaders have lost the connection on the ground. Satish Dhupelia, the South African great-grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, succumbed to COVID-19 complications on Sunday, three days after his 66th birthday.
- The minimum temperatures across northwest India continued to decrease on Sunday and Monday due to cold winds blowing from snow-laden western Himalayas.



- Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has announced to increase the penalty on gatherings of over 100 guests at marriages from ₹10,000 to ₹25,000.
- Bharat Biotech has confirmed that its potential COVID-19 vaccine COVAXIN reported an adverse event during the Phase 1 clinical trials in August.
- Moderna will charge governments between \$25 and \$37 (₹1,850 and ₹2,740) per dose of its COVID-19 vaccine candidate, depending on the amount ordered, CEO Stéphane Bancel has said.
- Several HDFC Bank customers reported being unable to withdraw money using the bank's ATMs, while its net-banking and UPI services were also reported to be down.

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- Patrick Quinn, the co-founder of the Ice Bucket Challenge, died on Sunday aged 37 in the US, seven years after he was diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease.
- A virologist known as China's 'Bat Woman' for her work on viruses in bats provided new evidence that her lab wasn't the source of COVID-19 in research published in Nature journal.
- A high-quality Peshawar Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) vehicle was pushed by passengers after it broke down.
- US President Donald Trump went golfing in the middle of the G20 summit after making a brief online appearance from the White House .
- US President-elect Joe Biden will announce the first picks to be part of his administration on Tuesday, incoming White House Chief of Staff Ron Klain said.
- Al-Qaeda's North Africa branch, Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM), has appointed Sheikh Mujahid Yazid Mubarak as its new leader, SITE Intelligence Group said.
- Pakistan's former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's mother Begum Shamim Akhtar passed away in her early 90s in London on Sunday.
- Protesters on Saturday set fire to the Congress building in Guatemala during protests against President Alejandro Giammattei over cuts in the 2021 budget.
- Princess Haya, the ex-wife of Dubai ruler, reportedly paid her British bodyguard Russell Flowers ₹12 crore to keep their two-year affair a secret and also paid three other bodyguards ₹12 crore each.
- China's capital Beijing has reported a 47% drop in new HIV/AIDS cases between January and October in 2020 as compared to the same period last year, health authorities said.
- China will overtake the US as the world's biggest oil refiner by next year, according to the International Energy Agency.

