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### **NATIONAL**

- 90,354 coronavirus tests were conducted in Delhi in the last 24 hours, marking the first instance of over 90,000 coronavirus tests being conducted in a single day in the national capital.
- Earthquake tremors were felt across Delhi and NCR on Thursday night. As per the initial data by National Center for Seismology, the epicentre of the earthquake was 48 km SW of Gurugram and the depth was 7.5 km.
- India's COVID-19 count inched closer to the one crore-mark after 22,889 COVID-19 cases were reported in the last 24 hours, taking the tally to 99,79,447.
- Delhi on Thursday recorded the lowest maximum temperature of the season at 15.2°C. The national capital also witnessed a "cold day" on Thursday and recorded the minimum temperature of the season at 3.5°C at Delhi Ridge as per India Meteorological Department.
- The Supreme Court has said it is "not satisfied" with work done by the Commission for Air Quality Management, constituted to tackle air pollution in NCR and adjoining areas.
- The Gautam Buddh Nagar Police has booked 26 real estate developers in 11 cases of alleged forgery, cheating and criminal breach of trust in 2020 so far.
- Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath on Thursday approved the name, logo and design of the international airport to be constructed in Jewar, according to an official statement.
- The MSEDCL has severed electricity connections of as many as 780 schools, which started functioning from last month, run by the Pune Zilla Parishad.
- Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari has said the government has finalised a GPS-based toll collection technology to ensure seamless movement of vehicles across the country.
- Trinamool Congress MLA Jitendra Tiwari on Thursday quit the party and as chief of the Asansol Municipal Corporation. However, he said he won't resign from the MLA post.
- A man, Ashok Kurmi, dressed as Santa Claus carried out sanitisation and distributed masks to people in Mumbai's Rani Lakshmi Chowk area.
- Maharashtra's Urban Development Minister Eknath Shinde has approved the merger of 23 areas, surrounding Pune, in the city limits.
- Maharashtra Social Justice Minister Dhananjay Munde on Wednesday unveiled a Braille version of the Indian Constitution in Mumbai.



- Payments company Finabl, majority-owned by Indian tycoon BR Shetty, is selling its entire business including the foreign currency subsidiary UAE Exchange to an Israeli-UAE consortium for a nominal \$1 (₹74) after running into financial difficulties.
- Jubilant FoodWorks, which operates Domino's Pizza and Dunkin' Donuts in India, added ₹2,000 crore to its market cap on Thursday after it announced its entry into the Biryani business.

## INTERNATIONAL

- The US has stood with India as it faced Chinese aggression along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) over the last six-seven months, a White House official said.
- Neighbours of Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago golf club in Florida warned the US President that he cannot live at the club after he leaves the White House.
- Saudi Arabia has started a mass vaccination drive against coronavirus after the first shipment of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine arrived in the kingdom.
- Cedric Richmond, a senior adviser to US President-elect Joe Biden, has tested positive for COVID-19, the transition team said .
- Europe on Thursday became the world's first region to cross five lakh coronavirus deaths, according to an AFP tally.
- Spain's PM Pedro Sanchez on Thursday said that he will self-isolate until December 24 after being in contact with French President Emmanuel Macron, who has tested positive for COVID-19.
- With China's help, Pakistan has returned \$1 billion to Saudi Arabia as a second instalment of a \$3 billion soft loan.
- Hundreds of boys kidnapped last week from a boarding school in Nigeria have been released, Katsina state Governor Aminu Bello Masari said.
- Eighteen fishermen who were held in Libya for more than 100 days for allegedly fishing in Libyan waters have been freed, Italy said.
- International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) chief Rafael Grossi said that reviving the 2015 Iran nuclear deal under US President-elect Joe Biden would require striking a new agreement setting out how Iranian breaches should be reversed.
- Speaking about the 2024 presidential election in Russia, President Vladimir Putin on Thursday said that he has not yet decided whether or not he would contest it.
- US President Donald Trump on Thursday tweeted that he has "nothing to do with the potential prosecution of Hunter Biden, or the Biden family". "It is just more Fake News."

