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- The Gautam Buddha Nagar Police has extended curbs under Section 144 of CrPC till January 2, 2021 amid COVID-19 pandemic.
- Serum Institute of India (SII) has become the first Indian company to seek approval from the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) for emergency use of its COVID-19 vaccine.
- Farmers on Monday continued to camp at the Singhu border between Haryana and Delhi to protest against the farm laws. Their protest against the central government's farm laws entered 12th day today.
- The Air Quality Index (AQI) in Noida and Ghaziabad remained under 'severe' category for the third day in a row, a government agency said on Sunday. Greater Noida, Faridabad and Gurugram recorded 'very poor' air quality, it added.
- A 25-year-old man was shot dead by a group of assailants in a market in Delhi's Rohini area and the incident was caught on CCTV camera.
- Carlin driver Jehan Daruvala on Sunday created history when he became the first Indian to win a Formula 2 race during the Sakhir Grand Prix.
- The voting for the fourth phase of the District Development Council (DDC) elections in 34 constituencies of Jammu and Kashmir is underway.
- A yellow alert avalanche warning has been issued for higher reaches of several districts in Jammu and Kashmir by the Disaster Management Authority.
- TV actress Divya Bhatnagar, who was on ventilator after her oxygen levels dropped and later tested positive for coronavirus, has passed away.
- Chennai Air Customs on Sunday said it had seized gold worth ₹7.5 lakh stuck under a medical bandage on a passenger's back. A customs officer intercepted Ahamed Anas who had arrived from Dubai by an Air India Express flight, based on an abnormal bulge on Anas' upper back.
- Since the inception of nationwide COVID-19 lockdown in March, Gujarat collected ₹93.56 crore in fine till December 5 for mask rule violation and spitting in public.
- Uttarakhand's Directorate of Industries will soon set up export hubs across all 13 districts to promote local products, officials said. Export hubs in each district would sell specific products from that district where their production is more, an official said.



- Assam's Cachar district administration on Sunday directed the police to investigate a speech made by Bajrang Dal leader Mithu Nath, threatening to beat up Hindus if they visit churches during Christmas celebrations.

INTERNATIONAL

- A church in lower Manhattan that houses New York's iconic Liberty Bell and whose congregation dates to the city's earliest days was gutted by a massive fire.
- The US on Saturday reported its highest rise in daily coronavirus cases at nearly 2.3 lakh, according to the Johns Hopkins University tracker.
- The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has said that severe long-term effects of the COVID-19 pandemic could push an additional 20.7 crore people into extreme poverty.
- A basketball jersey worn by former US President Barack Obama in 1979 during his senior year at Punahou School in Hawaii sold for \$192,000 (₹1.4 crore) at auction, Julien's Auctions said.
- A Russian teenager froze to death in his car in Yakutia region after getting lost while driving, however, the 18-year-old's friend survived.
- While talking to CNN about the 2011 raid that killed Osama bin Laden, US President-elect Joe Biden said, "Barack Obama risked his entire presidency on making the call."
- Israeli firm Cyabra claimed that 57.5% of 1,344 profiles it analysed, that engaged with China's foreign ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian's tweet on Australian soldier, were fake.
- Saudi Prince Turki Al-Faisal, during a security summit in Bahrain, said Israel has "incarcerated (Palestinians) in concentration camps under the flimsiest of security accusations".
- Japan, the US and France will hold joint military drills on land and sea for the first time in May next year, a Japanese newspaper reported.
- The death toll from an accident due to excessive levels of carbon monoxide in a coal mine in China's Chongqing municipality rose to 23, the state media reported.
- A Chinese court has asked a Dutch art collector to return an over 1,000-year-old relic that was stolen from a temple in Fujian's Sanming city in 1995.
- Norwegian central bank's Deputy Governor and head of Norway's \$1.2 trillion sovereign wealth fund, the world's largest, announced he was resigning, saying his application for renewed security clearance had been rejected because his wife is Chinese.
- A group of UK MPs said £50 billion (nearly ₹5 lakh crore) in cash was missing as it asked the Bank of England (BoE) to investigate where it's "stashed".

