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- India reported 30,005 new COVID-19 cases in the last 24 hours, taking the total tally so far to 98,26,775, as per the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. With 442 new deaths due to COVID-19 infection, the death toll has reached 1,42,628.
- India's first indigenous mRNA vaccine candidate has received approval to initiate Phase 1 and 2 human clinical trials from Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI).
- PSLV-C50 is scheduled to launch a communication satellite, CMS-01, on December 17 from Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) SHAR in Andhra Pradesh's Sriharikota, ISRO stated. CMS-01 is the 42nd communication satellite of India.
- A Northeast Delhi riots accused Tanveer Malik alleged that he has not been given food since Thursday in the Mandoli jail.
- Colonel Prithipal Singh Gill (retired), the only officer who served in Royal Indian Air Force, Indian Navy, and Indian Army (Artillery), turned 100.
- JJP leader and Haryana Deputy CM Dushyant Chautala said he
- Lalit Kala Akademi has announced the launch of Art Teaching Scholarship Scheme for six folk art sculptors and painters, under which they'll receive ₹5,000 every month starting from January. 'll resign from his post if he is unable to ensure Minimum Support Price (MSP) to farmers for their crops.
- India will deliver 60 crore doses of COVID-19 vaccines to the most vulnerable people in the next 6-8 months, said VK Paul, who leads the expert group on COVID-19 vaccine administration.
- Telangana Director of Public Health G Srinivasa Rao tweeted that the state reported 635 new COVID-19 cases on Friday, taking the count so far to 2,77,151.
- Lawyers and registered clerks have now been permitted to travel in local trains in Mumbai between 8am and 11am. Previously, they were allowed to travel up to 8am, between 11am and 4pm and post 7pm.
- Deputy Registrar of Birla Institute of Technology and Science (BITS) Pilani RC Dagar was found hanging at his residence in Rajasthan .
- National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) Chairperson Priyank Kanoongo said that the body isn't in favour of recommending games like PUBG in India. NCPCR.



- Tata Group has rejected Shapoorji Pallonji Group's separation offer to swap Mistry family's 18.4% stake in Tata Sons for pro-rata shares worth over ₹1.75 lakh crore in listed Tata companies.
- Samsung will invest ₹4,825 crore to relocate mobile and IT display production unit from China to Noida in Uttar Pradesh, the state government said.
- GST authorities have cancelled 1,63,042 GST registrations in October and November for defaulting on filing monthly tax returns for over six months, a government official said.

INTERNATIONAL

- A painting by French surrealist Yves Tanguy, which is worth around ₹2.5 crore, has been recovered from a dumpster near a German airport after a businessman forgot it at a check-in counter before boarding a flight to Tel Aviv.
- A study commissioned by Denmark's Environmental Protection Agency states that decomposing mink buried in dirt pits following a nationwide cull might contaminate groundwater.
- AstraZeneca, which is developing a coronavirus vaccine with Oxford University, said it would investigate combining its vaccine with Russia's Sputnik V vaccine.
- Rahul Dubey, an Indian-origin man who provided shelter at his home during a curfew to around 70 people protesting against George Floyd's death in Washington, D.C. has been named among the 'Heroes of 2020' by TIME magazine.
- A building firm that carried out demolition work at a site known to be inhabited by bats has been handed a £600,000 (₹5.8 crore) fine, the largest ever issued by a court for a wildlife crime, according to police.
- The WHO has said that any adverse effects of COVID-19 vaccines are up to national agencies to review.
- France's Sanofi and Britain's GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) have said that their adjuvanted recombinant protein-based COVID-19 vaccine won't be ready until the last quarter of 2021.
- US lawmaker Tulsi Gabbard introduced a bill into the House of Representatives that would stop the federal funding of schools if they permit transgender girls and women and non-binary people to compete in women's sports.
- UK PM Boris Johnson has said that it looks "very, very likely" that the country will leave the European Union without a deal but it "will be wonderful for the UK".
- Europe's largest fashion site Zalando's co-CEO Rubin Ritter's decision to quit to prioritise his wife's career could cost him €93 million (₹830 crore) in options from a five-year incentive programme set up in 2018, Bloomberg calculations showed.

