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NATIONAL

- India has reported 20,346 new COVID-19 cases and 222 more deaths in the last 24 hours, according to the Union Health Ministry.
- The Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying advised people to eat eggs and meat only after fully cooking them amid the bird flu scare.
- Delhi Police have said that registration of 60,000 police personnel of the force for COVID-19 vaccine shots is completed while the process of remaining 20,000 will be completed soon.
- The Cyber Cell of Mumbai Police's Crime Branch busted a gang that cheated over 10,000 people through 123 fake websites.
- The Centre has asked Tamil Nadu to revoke the state government's order allowing 100% occupancy in theatres.
- Petrol price in Delhi hit an all-time high of ₹84.2 per litre on Thursday after a hike of 23 paise by state-owned fuel retailers.
- Thirty-eight women and children were rescued by the Rajasthan police after they were allegedly kidnapped by around 100 people wielding weapons, including swords and knives, in Baaman Devariyan village of Jhalawar district.
- The 26th Kolkata International Film Festival (KIFF) will be held virtually due to the coronavirus pandemic, West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee tweeted .
- At least 9,000 families living in slums in Maharashtra's Pune, Thane, Navi Mumbai and Kolhapur got independent digital addresses, based on their latitudes and longitudes, called 'Plus Codes'.
- The Karnataka High Court has passed an interim order against cutting of trees for installation of an MiG fighter plane inside Bengaluru's National Military Memorial Park.
- Nineteen-year-old engineering student Devang Subil helped save four drowning fishermen off the Kerala coast with the help of a drone.
- A 19-year-old girl in Tamil Nadu who killed her 24-year-old cousin after he tried to rape her at knifepoint was set free by the police on grounds of self-defence.
- Honda Motorcycle and Scooter India is offering voluntary retirement to employees amid slowing demand due to COVID-19, according to a letter.
- Tata Sons tendered shares worth ₹9,997 crore during Tata Consultancy Services' (TCS) ₹16,000 crore buyback offer, according to a regulatory filing.



- E-commerce giant Amazon and Kishore Biyani-led Future Retail have agreed to the names of the three panelists required for their arbitration hearing, which will be held at the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC).

INTERNATIONAL

- Mobs of US President Donald Trump's supporters stormed the Capitol building on Wednesday, forcing Congress to suspend a session to certify President-elect Joe Biden's victory.
- Addressing his supporters protesting the outcome of the US Presidential election in Washington, DC, President Donald Trump said, "We will never give up."
- US Vice President Mike Pence has told President Donald Trump that he doesn't have the power to block congressional certification of President-elect Joe Biden's victory in the election, The New York Times reported.
- UK's biggest companies' CEOs will earn more in compensation after 34 hours of paid work by Wednesday than the £31,461 (₹31.4 lakh) median worker will earn in 2021, a London-based think tank said.
- The total market value of cryptocurrencies passed \$1 trillion for the first time on Thursday.
- The US has said that digital services taxes adopted by India as well as Italy and Turkey discriminate against American companies and are inconsistent with international tax principles.
- The European Medicines Agency (EMA) has recommended the use of Moderna's coronavirus vaccine in the European Union (EU).
- The Netherlands on Wednesday became the last European Union (EU) country to start vaccinations against coronavirus.
- Denmark has banned the entry of visitors from South Africa, except in some cases, to curb the spread of the new coronavirus variant that emerged in the African nation.
- US intelligence and law enforcement agencies said the recent hack of government departments and corporations was "likely Russian in origin".
- China on Wednesday accused the US of "bullying" after US President Donald Trump signed an executive order banning transactions with eight Chinese apps, including Alipay and WeChat Pay.
- Nearly 100 Rohingya were arrested on Wednesday during a raid on a house in Myanmar's Yangon city, the police said.
- Dubai's third-biggest lender Mashreqbank PSC will be shifting nearly half of its jobs to cheaper locations including India, Egypt or Pakistan

