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NATIONAL

- India reported 16,577 new COVID-19 cases and 120 deaths in the last 24 hours, as per the Union Health Ministry. India's total tally reached 1,10,63,491 and the death toll reached 1,56,825.
- Sri Lanka has received the second consignment of 5 lakh doses of the Covishield vaccine from India
- The Delhi Police on Thursday denied the reports that Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's security cover has been reduced. "The security cover provided to Delhi CM remains unchanged.
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday said that all social media platforms have to abide by Indian laws.
- Delhi reported 220 fresh COVID-19 cases on Thursday, the highest single-day rise in February so far, taking the caseload to 6,38,593, according to official data.
- Two days after Telangana's Public Health Director replaced daily COVID
- Income Tax department on Thursday conducted raids at Haryana's independent MLA from Meham, Balraj Kundu's residences, offices and over 30 other premises of his close aides and relatives, according to officials. -19 bulletin with a weekly update, state High Court asked the government to resume daily bulletins within 24 hours from the order.
- Mumbai reported 1,145 fresh COVID-19 cases on Thursday, taking the total cases in the city to 3,22,843, according to Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) data.
- More than 100 gelatin sticks and 350 detonators were seized from a woman train passenger in Kerala at the Kozhikode Railway Station, officials said.
- Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) Chief Mehbooba Mufti on Thursday welcomed the agreement between India and Pakistan to observe a ceasefire along the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir.
- A UK extradition judge ordered fugitive diamantaire Nirav Modi will be extradited to India to stand trial.
- A suspicious vehicle was found abandoned on Carmichael Road on Thursday near Reliance Industries Chairman Mukesh Ambani's residence 'Antilia', Mumbai Police said.
- Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal has said that 57 World Trade Organization (WTO) members have supported India's proposal for a waiver of Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) on COVID-19 vaccines.
- Huawei Asia Pacific Vice President Jay Chen during an event said India has no negative attitude towards the Chinese telecom company and there is no decision to block it from participating in the country's 5G network till date.





- Patanjali's Managing Director Acharya Balkrishna has invited the Indian Medical Association (IMA) for a discussion on the science behind 'Coronil' with the research team at Patanjali Research Institute.
- Several investors took to Twitter to criticise Zerodha, which is India's largest brokerage, for the losses they faced amid Wednesday's trading halt at the National Stock Exchange (NSE).

INTERNATIONAL

- External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar on Thursday tweeted that he has spoken to Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi to discuss several matters.
- A Dubai court has reduced the seven-year sentence of an Omani bus driver who crashed the vehicle after entering a restricted lane, killing 17 people, including 12 Indians, in 2019.
- A sailor who fell into the Pacific Ocean without a life jacket survived by clinging to a "piece of sea rubbish" before he was rescued.
- The global death toll from coronavirus on Friday rose to 25,07,391, according to the Johns Hopkins University tracker.
- The White House is yet to make a final decision on participating in the 2022 Winter Olympic Games to be held in China, White House press secretary Jen Psaki has said.
- Netherlands Parliament on Thursday passed a non-binding motion to declare China's treatment of the Uighur Muslims a "genocide", becoming the first European legislature to do so.
- The UK has imposed sanctions on six members of Myanmar's military, including Army chief General Min Aung Hlaing, for their role in "overseeing human rights violations" since the coup.
- A drone attack on the Saudi royal palace in the country's capital Riyadh last month was launched from Iraq, an Iran-backed militia official said.
- The US military has carried out an airstrike targeting Iran-backed militias in Syria, the Pentagon said
- A German citizen has been charged with espionage for giving the floor plans of the parliament building to an employee in the Russian embassy in Berlin, who works for the Russian intelligence agency GRU.
- American conglomerate Berkshire Hathaway's Vice Chairman Charlie Munger has said that he doesn't know which is worse - Tesla's fully diluted enterprise value of \$1 trillion or Bitcoin trading at \$50,000.

