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NATIONAL

- NITI Aayog member Dr VK Paul on Tuesday said 24 countries have been sent "COVID-19 vaccines from India". India can draw huge satisfaction over the progress made in the vaccination programme, with nearly nine million vaccine doses being delivered in the country, Paul added.
- Flirting with a junior official is not acceptable conduct for a judge, CJI SA Bobde stated. The CJI made the oral observation while hearing a plea by a retired judge from Madhya Pradesh.
- The Delhi High Court on Tuesday granted bail to a cab driver who was arrested for allegedly hatching a conspiracy to incite communal riots in Northeast Delhi in February last year.
- Delhi's Patiala House Court while granting bail to two people arrested under sedition amid the ongoing farmers' protest, said, "The law of sedition is a powerful tool in the hands of the state to maintain peace and order in the society."
- Several dealers and retailers in Jammu and Kashmir's Srinagar showcased their machinery at a fair that was organised to offer equipment to the farmers at a 50% subsidy.
- A 31-year-old constable of Jharkhand Police's Special Action Team was martyred in an improvised explosive device (IED) blast allegedly planted by CPI (Maoist) in Lohardaga district, police said.
- A special Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) court remanded actor-businessman Sachin Joshi in Enforcement Directorate's (ED) custody till February 18.
- The Government Senior Secondary School in Ludhiana's Chaunta will be closed till March 2 after 15 students and two staff tested positive for COVID-19 on Tuesday, the district administration said.
- Uttarakhand's Irrigation Minister Satpal Maharaj has said the cause of glacial break that led to flash floods and killed at least 58 people, should be investigated from all angles.
- The Uttarakhand Char Dham Devasthanam Management Board on Tuesday announced that the portals of Badrinath shrine will open on May 18 at 4:15 am.
- UP Police's Special Task Force on Tuesday arrested two members of Popular Front of India (PFI) who were planning attacks at important places and target those holding important positions in Hindu organisations.
- Rajasthan's Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) has arrested a man from Barmer for smuggling heroin from Pakistan into the state, an official statement said.
- Maharashtra Congress President Nana Patole said that the party is preparing for all 227 seats in Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) polls scheduled for 2022.
- The Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs on Tuesday launched a survey to collect data on drinking water in 10 cities under Jal Jeevan Mission (Urban).





- A team of 21 doctors at a Bengaluru hospital successfully removed a 3.5-kg tumour that was spread across a 15-year-old Gujarat girl's chest and neck. She had to undergo five surgeries over the course of one year to get rid of the tumour, a doctor said.
- A Chennai-bound IndiGo flight from Indore on Tuesday had to make an emergency landing at the Indore airport after a crack was detected in the windshield of the aircraft, an official said.
- Puducherry Lieutenant Governor Dr Kiran Bedi was removed from the post and Telangana Governor Dr Tamilsai Soundararajan was given the additional charge.

INTERNATIONAL

- Amid disengagement process in Ladakh's Pangong lake area, the Indian Army has shared a video and pictures of Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) removing tents and loading up their supplies before leaving after nearly 10 months.
- A Chilean politician has been criticised after he defended his 33-year-old son who is accused of raping a 12-year-old girl. Ivan Roca said that the girl had a "woman's body" and that parents of young girls "must control their children better".
- Himani, the snow leopard that gave birth to seven cubs, has died at 17 years old, a New Jersey zoo said. Himani, who helped protect her species, was "peacefully euthanised following a battle with cancer".
- At least two people are dead after rare winter storm in US' Texas, which led to power outages for more than 40 lakh people. While the investigation into the causes of the deaths is pending, the officials said the subfreezing temperatures were likely to blame.
- Around 30 Taliban terrorists were killed when a bomb exploded during a bomb-making class in a mosque in Afghanistan's Balkh province.
- South Africa's Health Minister refuted claims that the country is returning 10 lakh COVID-19 vaccine doses to Serum Institute of India (SII). The doses, offered to African Union platform, will be distributed to countries requiring them.
- Anthony Fauci, US President Joe Biden's chief medical adviser, has been awarded the \$1 million (over ₹7.2 crore) Dan David Prize for "defending science" and advocating new methods for developing COVID-19 vaccines.
- World's biggest cryptocurrency Bitcoin's price rose above \$50,000 ,to a new record high amid rally fuelled by signs that it's gaining acceptance amongst mainstream investors.
- British automotive company Jaguar Land Rover's luxury car brand Jaguar will be all-electric by 2025, the carmaker has said.

