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- India has reported 10,584 new COVID-19 cases and 78 fatalities in the last 24 hours, as per the Union Health Ministry. With this, the total cases rose to 1,10,16,434, while the death toll reached 1,56,463.
- The petrol and diesel prices in the national capital hit a record high after the price of petrol was increased by 25 paise and diesel price was increased by 35 paise.
- At least six people were killed and one injured when the gelatin sticks they were trying to dispose of exploded accidentally at a stone quarry site in a village in Karnataka's Chikkaballapur in the wee hours.
- Police has booked former MP Dhananjay Mahadik and two others for alleged violation of COVID-19 norms at the marriage function of his son in Pune on February 21.
- Delhi Police said it has arrested city resident Jaspreet Singh, who was seen atop one of Red Fort's minarets amid violence on January 26 this year.
- Delhi government announced that it will launch the Deshbhakti Curriculum in its government schools in the 2021-2022 academic session.
- There are more than 7,000 coronavirus mutations in India of which some could pose a serious risk, said Rakesh Mishra, Director of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research - Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology.
- Four people, including three children, were killed and 12 others injured after the tractor-trolley in which they were travelling was hit by a pick-up van in UP's Kanpur.
- Advocate Akhil Sibal, who is representing climate activist Disha Ravi, said he's fighting the case before Delhi High Court on a "pro bono basis" and isn't charging any fees.
- Shiv Sena leader and former Mayor of the Thane Municipal Corporation Anant Tare passed away at the age of 67 .
- Seven people were arrested by Special Task Force (STF) for allegedly selling and buying infants in Madhya Pradesh's Indore.
- The West Bengal government on Sunday announced a reduction of tax by ₹1 per litre on petrol and diesel effective from midnight.
- The S&P BSE Sensex ended 1,145 points lower at 49,744 while the NSE Nifty 50 index fell 306 points to end at 14,675 as the Indian equities fell the most in two months .
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- BJP spokesperson and senior Supreme Court advocate Gaurav Bhatia said that he was offered a non-veg meal on a Vistara flight and was told that the airline only serves halal as a matter of policy.
- Reliance is set to acquire the subscription-based milk delivery startup Milkbasket in a \$40-43 million deal, Entrackr reported.

INTERNATIONAL

- Tesla CEO Elon Musk lost \$15.2 billion in a day after Tesla's shares slid 8.6% on .
- A new BBC documentary revealed that Donald Trump offered North Korea's Kim Jong-un a ride home on Air Force One after a 2019 summit in Vietnam, AFP reported.
- Beaches in Israel have been covered in tar which is thought to have come from a ship spilling oil.
- US' top infectious disease expert Anthony Fauci said political divisiveness contributed significantly to COVID-19 death toll in the country, which has surpassed 5 lakh.
- The US' death toll from COVID-19, the highest globally, has surpassed the number of fatalities the country suffered in World War One, World War Two and the Vietnam War combined.
- Italian Prime Minister Mario Draghi has extended travel curbs between 20 regions of the country until late March while also maintaining a 10 pm curfew.
- US Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen has said that cryptocurrency Bitcoin is an "extremely inefficient way of conducting transactions".
- India has offered over ₹724 crore in Line of Credit to Mauritius to facilitate procurement of defence assets.
- Italy's ambassador to the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), an Italian military policeman and a Congolese driver have been killed in an attack on a UN convoy .
- China faces a "critical and urgent" task to overhaul Hong Kong's electoral system, Xia Baolong, Director of China's cabinet-level Hong Kong and Macau Affairs Office has said.
- The UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) has called for the immediate rescue of a group of Rohingya refugees who are adrift in their boat in the Andaman Sea without food or water.
- Volunteers and government rangers on Monday successfully refloated nearly 40 long-finned pilot whales after they were stranded on a remote beach in New Zealand, the Department of Conservation said.

