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NATIONAL

- An earthquake of magnitude 6.3 on the Richter scale hit Afghanistan at 10:31 pm IST today, as per the National Center for Seismology. "Lat: 38.00 & Long: 73.58, Depth: 74 Km, Location: 285km ENE of Fayzabad," tweeted National Center for Seismology.
- At least eight people were killed and several others injured after a tourist bus from Hyderabad fell into a valley on Araku ghat road in Andhra Pradesh's Visakhapatnam district .
- The Maharashtra Congress on Friday passed the 'Modi Sarkar Chale Jao' resolution against the PM Narendra Modi-led central government.
- The 29th edition of NTLF (NASSCOM Technology and Leadership Forum) is scheduled to be organised online for the first time.
- The Assam government has received financial assistance of over ₹262 crore from the Centre to manage the COVID-19 pandemic and conduct the vaccination drive, state Finance Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma.
- The consent of the family or the community or the clan is not necessary once two adult individuals agree to get married and the couple's consent "has to be piously given primacy", the Supreme Court has observed.
- A 39-year-old Delhi Police sub-inspector allegedly died by suicide inside an ambulance on Friday. A senior police officer said, "SI Rajveer Singh was refused admission at three hospitals for various reasons...he got agitated."
- At least 6 vehicles collided with each other on Yamuna Expressway in Greater Noida due to reduced visibility caused by fog.
- Two men were held in Uttar Pradesh for allegedly duping people on the pretext of offering them jobs.
- The overall air quality in Delhi was in the 'very poor' category on Saturday morning, according to data from the Central Pollution Control Board.
- India has supplied nearly 23 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines to foreign countries so far, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said on Friday. Of these, 6.47 million doses have been supplied on a grant basis while 16.5 million doses have been supplied on a commercial basis, said MEA spokesperson Anurag Srivastava.
- Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan on Friday announced a five-year economic package of ₹7,000 crore for the development of Wayanad district.



- Bombay High Court on Friday permitted a medical termination of a mentally challenged rape victim's 23-week pregnancy in Nagpur.
- AAP leader Durgesh Pathak on Friday accused North Delhi Municipal Corporation (NDMC) Mayor Jai Prakash of forging documents and illegally occupying Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board (DUSIB) land.
- A total of ₹1,511 crore has been collected for Ayodhya's Ram Temple construction as of Thursday evening, Swami Govind Dev Giri, Treasurer of Shri Ram Janmbhoomi Teerth Kshetra said.

INTERNATIONAL

- Centre on Friday said Canadian PM Justin Trudeau has praised Indian government's way of resolving the deadlock with protesting farmers over the three farm laws.
- India is providing 2,000 tonnes of rice to war-torn Syria in response to a request for emergency humanitarian assistance from the Syrian government, the External Affairs Ministry .
- Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's office has said that the leader and PM Narendra Modi discussed Canada and India's commitment to democratic principles, recent protests, and the importance of resolving issues through dialogue.
- A 27-year-old man appeared in federal court on Thursday on a charge of threatening US President Joe Biden and others through phone calls to the White House and other agencies.
- Lulu, an 8-year-old border collie in US' Tennessee, has inherited \$5 million (over ₹36 crore) in her owner's will. Martha Burton, Lulu's caretaker, said the canine's owner, Bill Dorris, was a successful businessman who wasn't married and died late last year.
- Japanese retail group Aeon has said that it will be offering its shopping malls throughout Japan for COVID-19 vaccination programme in response to a government request.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has released guidelines for safely reopening schools in the US.
- The White House has said it is not planning to introduce mandatory COVID-19 testing before domestic flights.
- The United Nations (UN) has said that it is essential that the delivery of humanitarian aid continues in Myanmar after a military coup there.
- The Colombian government has said that illegal armed groups in the country are using forcibly recruited children and adolescents as "war machines" amid the ongoing internal conflict.

