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- Over 6.76 lakh people gave up their Indian citizenship between 2015 and 2019, the government informed the Lok Sabha in response to a query.
- Rajya Sabha on Tuesday passed the National Capital Territory of Delhi Laws (Special Provisions) Second (Amendment) Bill, 2021, that provides protection to certain unauthorised developments in Delhi from punitive action where adequate measures are yet to be taken.
- Ministry of Home Affairs said in Lok Sabha that infiltration cases have been reported at India-Pakistan, India-Bangladesh and India-Nepal borders in the last two years.
- The minimum temperature in Pune settled at 8.6°C on Tuesday, making it the coldest day in February this year. It also registered the second lowest temperature in Maharashtra after Jalgaon, which recorded a low of 7°C.
- Union Minister Nitin Gadkari termed the road accidents scenario in India "more serious than COVID-19 pandemic."
- Congress MLA Aditi Singh on Tuesday donated ₹51 lakh to Vishva Hindu Parishad (VHP) for the construction of Ram Temple in Ayodhya.
- NITI Aayog member (health and nutrition) Vinod Kumar Paul on Tuesday said US giant Johnson & Johnson is interested in manufacturing its COVID-19 vaccine in India.
- 91 students of a government school, who have been suspected to attend the same private tuition centre in Kerala's Malappuram district, have tested positive for COVID-19, according to authorities.
- Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) said that 87 of 82,884 COVID-19 vaccine beneficiaries as of Monday showed side effects.
- Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) arrested three people under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act for illegal diversion and dealings in NRx drugs.
- Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Tuesday claimed that land worth ₹10,000 crore, which had been grabbed by land mafia until now, has been freed in the state.
- In December, the National Institute of Nutrition carried out the third round of sero-surveillance in three districts of Telangana.
- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said that a high-level inter-ministerial committee (IMC) recommended that all private cryptocurrencies, except any cryptocurrency issued by the State, should be prohibited



- The United Forum of Bank Unions has called for a two-day nationwide strike from March 15 over the government's Budget proposal to privatise two public sector banks (PSBs), other than IDBI Bank, in 2021-22.
- Godrej Consumer Products will increase prices of soaps for the second straight quarter as the input costs rise.
- The International Energy Agency (IEA) has said that India will make up the biggest share of energy demand growth at 25% over the next two decades.

INTERNATIONAL

- Europe's oldest person, French nun Sister Andre, has survived COVID-19 and will celebrate her 117th birthday on Thursday. Sister Andre, who is blind and uses a wheelchair, is the world's second-oldest living person according to the Gerontology Research Group's (GRG) World Supercentenarian Rankings List.
- The UAE's first mission to Mars, named the Hope Probe, reached the red planet's orbit on Tuesday after a seven-month, 494 million-km journey.
- The United States on Tuesday termed India "one of the most important partners in the Indo-Pacific region" and said it welcomes its emergence as a leading global power and its role as a net security provider in the region.
- Luxury brand Louis Vuitton has been criticised for using the wrong colours in its 'Jamaican stripe pullover' that pays tribute to the Jamaican flag.
- US Congress is investigating reports that the Trump Organisation sought 40% stake in social media app Parler while former US President Donald Trump was still in office.
- Huawei has filed a legal challenge to US Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) decision which designated it as a national security threat to communications networks.
- The US Senate on Tuesday voted 56 to 44 that the second impeachment trial against former President Donald Trump is "constitutional", allowing full proceedings to begin.
- North Korea and Iran have resumed cooperation on long-range missile development projects, a UN report said.
- EU foreign policy chief Josep Borrell has warned Russia that it may face new sanctions from the bloc over the jailing of Putin critic Alexey Navalny.
- A French nuclear-powered submarine carried out a patrol through the South China Sea to "affirm that international law is the only rule that is valid, whatever the sea where we sail", Defence Minister Florence Parly tweeted.

