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- India recorded a spike of 18,599 COVID-19 cases and 97 deaths in the last 24 hours, according to the Union Health Ministry.
- Health Minister Harsh Vardhan has said that the country is in the endgame of the COVID-19 pandemic and to succeed at this stage, "politics should be kept out" of the COVID-19 vaccination drive.
- Nine women, who delivered babies in Delhi Police PCR vans while being shifted to hospitals during COVID-19-induced lockdown, have been invited as guests at an International Women's Day event at police headquarters
- Indian Air Force (IAF) Wing Commander Shaliza Dhami said, "It'll be almost three decades for women officers in IAF...Aircraft doesn't know whether it's a male or female officer who's flying it.
- Delhi Health Minister Satyendar Jain has said that the pandemic phase of coronavirus is ending in the national capital and it's now entering the "endemic phase".
- Punjab CM Captain Amarinder Singh on Monday tweeted that to mark International Women's Day, his government will "kickstart eight new schemes aimed at empowering and protecting women".
- The All India United Democratic Front (AIUDF) led by MP Maulana Badruddin Ajmal has released its first list of 16 candidates for upcoming Assam Assembly polls.
- A five-month pregnant woman was shot dead in Sri Ganganagar district of Rajasthan on Sunday, allegedly by her brother-in-law, her family has claimed.
- 36 people tested positive for COVID-19 in the Maharashtra Legislative assembly, according to JJ hospital .
- E-auction of a wine shop in Rajasthan's Hanumangarh district started at ₹72 lakh and received a final bid of ₹510 crore, around 708 times than the base price.
- An Aurangabad-based advocate on Sunday approached police to register a case against Maharashtra Navnirman Sena chief Raj Thackeray for not wearing a mask while travelling from Mumbai to Nashik.
- Amid rising COVID-19 cases, the district administration of Maharashtra's Aurangabad on March 7 announced that night curfew from 9 pm to 6 am will be re-imposed from March 11 till April 4.
- Four Naxals, including a commander carrying a reward of ₹1 lakh on his head, were arrested from two places in Chhattisgarh's Dantewada on Sunday, police said.
- Thirty-two people fell sick after eating 'prasad' during a community feast organised to mark the ending of 'Bhagwat Katha' in a village in Uttar Pradesh's Kannauj.



- The General-Secretary of Ram Janmbhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust, Champat Rai, on Sunday said that the Ram Temple in Ayodhya is expected to be ready in the next three years.
- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said the government is keeping windows open for an experiment in the cryptocurrency world but a very calibrated approach will be taken.
- AirAsia Group CEO Tony Fernandes said the airline is planning to launch its flying-taxi business in 2022.

INTERNATIONAL

- The NASA/ESA Hubble Space Telescope has captured the image of the NGC 2336 galaxy that is located approximately 100 million light-years away.
- In an interview with Oprah Winfrey, Meghan Markle said that her son Archie was denied a royal title and royal protection due to the Royal Family's concern about "how dark his skin might be when he is born".
- Prince Harry and Meghan Markle disclosed the gender of their second child during their interview with Oprah Winfrey .
- Videos have surfaced that show a group of American parents in front of the Idaho Capitol encouraging their children to burn masks being used as a protection against COVID-19.
- Switzerland has narrowly voted in favour of banning full facial coverings including the niqab and burqa in almost all public places.
- New Caledonia, a French territory in the Pacific, has reported its first coronavirus cases after nine people tested positive, local officials said.
- SITA, which provides IT services to more than 400 airlines, said the personal data of an unspecified number of travellers of several global major airlines has been compromised.
- Myanmar has asked India to return eight police officers who crossed the border with their families seeking refuge in Mizoram.
- Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador has said that the 10-foot-high barriers placed around the presidential palace ahead of a women's march were set up to "avoid provocation and protect buildings from vandalism".
- The Saudi-led military coalition carried out air strikes against Houthi rebels in Yemen's capital Sanaa and other regions after the group launched explosive-laden drones towards Saudi Arabia.
- An official from Myanmar's ousted leader Aung San Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy (NLD) died in police custody, with a party leader claiming that the victim was likely tortured.
- Bids on Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey's first tweet, which he is auctioning off as a non-fungible token, have reached \$2 million (around ₹14.6 crore) so far.