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### **NATIONAL**

- India has reported 47,262 new COVID-19 cases and 275 deaths in the last 24 hours, as per the Union Health Ministry.
- There are 100 unicorns (companies worth \$1 billion or more) in India, with a total value of over \$240 billion, as per Swiss brokerage firm Credit Suisse.
- Rajya Sabha Leader of Opposition Mallikarjun Kharge on Tuesday said that the Centre should withdraw the Government National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Bill, 2021 and restore powers of the Delhi government.
- The Rajya Sabha will discuss the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Bill, 2021, on Wednesday, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi said.
- Delhi Police busted three illegal call centres in Bindapur and Janakpuri areas and arrested 37 people for allegedly duping foreign nationals. "
- Delhi Health Minister Satyendar Jain said COVID-19 is a recurring infection and people need to be aware, but also need to learn to live with it.
- Five jawans of the District Reserve Guard were martyred and 14 others injured after Maoists attacked their bus with an improvised explosive device (IED) in Chhattisgarh's Narayanpur.
- Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan said 4.85 crore people in the country have received COVID-19 vaccines so far.
- Haryana CM Manohar Lal Khattar announced that 9% interest would be paid to farmers if payments for their crops procured during the rabi season get delayed.
- Parbhani district in Maharashtra's Marathwada region will be placed under lockdown from 7 pm on Wednesday to March 31 in view of the surge in COVID-19 cases.
- The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) on Tuesday arrested a 19-year-old college student and seized drugs and ₹2.3 lakh cash from his possession in Mumbai's Bandra area.
- A Congress leader has been arrested for allegedly using obscene language in a conversation with a woman bank manager, police said .
- Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan on Tuesday denied a conspiracy behind duplication of names in voters' lists for the Assembly elections. Vijayan's remark came a day after Chief Electoral Officer Teeka Ram admitted that multiple entries were found on the voters' lists.
- The US has asked a federal court to certify India's request to extradite Pakistani-origin businessman Tahawwur Rana sought for his involvement in the 2008 Mumbai terror attack as he meets all criteria.

- State-run BSNL has cleared 50% of payments due to vendors such as Nokia and ZTE, which run the wireless network of the telecom company.
- Former acting DGP Maharashtra Hemant Nagrale, who recently took charge as Commissioner of Mumbai Police, ordered transfers of 84 police officers in Mumbai Police, including 65 officers from the Crime Branch.
- Backing cryptocurrencies as a store of value, Infosys Co-founder Nandan Nilekani said that Indians should be allowed to have them as an asset class.

### **INTERNATIONAL**

- WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said the recent increase in coronavirus cases and deaths represent "truly worrying trends".
- Prince Harry will be joining the Silicon Valley-based mental health startup BetterUp as its Chief Impact Officer, the Wall Street Journal reported.
- Goldman Sachs' CEO David Solomon assured that he will strictly enforce the 'Saturday rule' which stipulates that junior bankers shouldn't be expected to be in the office from 9 pm Friday to 9 am Sunday.
- Samsung is likely to apply for the government's ₹12,195 crore production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme to manufacture 4G and 5G gear locally,
- Japan's land prices have fallen for the first time in six years in 2020, a survey by the Land Ministry showed.
- Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell said that the cryptocurrencies like bitcoin can't serve as an effective replacement to the US dollar. Powell added that crypto assets are not backed by anything.
- North Korea fired two short-range missiles just days after the sister of leader Kim Jong-un threatened the US
- Twenty dogs were rescued by the Australian emergency services after floodwaters submerged the breeding kennel in Sydney .
- Norway has received the go-ahead to construct the world's first ship tunnel to help vessels navigate the treacherous Stadhavet Sea.
- Nearly 400 illegal migrants tested COVID-19 positive and are being transferred to a field hospital in Bangkok, Thailand.
- Coronavirus is surging "dangerously" across Brazil and Brazilians need to take measures to prevent its spread, Carissa Etienne, the WHO's regional director for the Americas, said.
- Australian PM Scott Morrison has promised significant cultural change to improve the treatment of women in the parliament.