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- India has reported 28,903 new COVID-19 cases in the last 24 hours which is the highest number of cases reported in a day in 2021.
- The retail industry's business has recovered to 93% of the pre-COVID sales in February, as per the Retailers Association of India.
- CM Arvind Kejriwal-led Delhi government on Tuesday announced the formation and registration of the Delhi Board of School Education (DBSE).
- Delhi University teachers marched from North Campus to CM Arvind Kejriwal's residence on Monday against the delay in the release of grants.
- Following media reports that there are no women station house officers (SHOs) in 178 police stations in Delhi, Delhi Commission for Women (DCW) issued a notice to Delhi Police seeking information on the same.
- A parliamentary committee on Tuesday asked the Centre to explore the feasibility of amending the Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act. It has given three months time to the Centre for the same.
- A Delhi court on Tuesday sent Vikas Mishra, TMC leader Vinay Mishra's brother, to a six-day Enforcement Directorate (ED) remand in connection with the coal mining scam.
- A Pakistani intruder was shot dead by the Border Security Force (BSF) along the International Border (IB) in Jammu and Kashmir's Samba, an official said.
- BMC Education Department issued an order asking all schools in its jurisdiction to discontinue 50% rotational attendance rule from March 17.
- Pune Mayor Murlidhar Mohol on Tuesday said that there is no need to impose complete lockdown in the city as of yet despite the spike in COVID-19 cases there.
- The NIA, which is probing the recovery of an explosives-laden Scorpio car near Mukesh Ambani's residence 'Antilia', has seized a black Mercedes-Benz car containing ₹5 lakh cash and a number plate identical to the explosives-laden SUV.
- The Karnataka State Board of Auqaf has prohibited the use of loudspeakers between 10 pm and 6 am during azaan or the Islamic call to prayer recited at prescribed times of the day.
- Hyderabad-based Gland Pharma's shares jumped 10% to hit a record high after the company said it has struck a deal with Russian Direct Investment Fund to produce the Sputnik V COVID-19 vaccine.
- A Hyderabad consumer court penalised ticketing aggregator BookMyShow and theatre chain PVR Cinemas for levying internet handling charges on consumers, calling the charges "unfair".



- Gaming company Nazara Technologies once took a call to not invest "aggressively" in the real money gaming business, CEO Manish Agarwal told Business Insider.
- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman introduced the Insurance (Amendment) Bill, 2021 in Rajya Sabha to increase the FDI limit in the insurance sector from 49% to 74%.

INTERNATIONAL

- Kim Beom-su, the Founder of South Korean internet company Kakao, has signed the Giving Pledge initiative, promising to donate more than half of his assets.
- Volkswagen was unable to build one lakh cars due to an ongoing chip shortage that has hit the automotive sector this year, CEO Herbert Diess said.
- A man in Germany lost Bitcoins worth over ₹4 crore (\$560,000) after he fell for a scammer posing as Elon Musk, BBC reported.
- The European Union drug regulator European Medicines Agency's Executive Director Emer Cooke has said that there was "no indication" Oxford-AstraZeneca's coronavirus vaccine is the cause of reported blood clots.
- UK PM Boris Johnson will be presenting a Bill which could outlaw any protest that causes "serious annoyance" or "serious inconvenience", with protesters facing up to 10 years in prison.
- A single-engine Beechcraft Bonanza plane crashed into an SUV in US' South Florida, killing three people including a four-year-old boy.
- British PM Boris Johnson on Tuesday said that the Oxford-AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine "is safe and works extremely well".
- Estonian PM Kaja Kallas announced that she has tested positive for COVID-19 and will continue to work from home until she has recovered from it.
- Ukraine's State Security Service (SBU) said it had prevented a large-scale cyberattack by Russian hackers targeting classified government data.
- Children as young as 11 are being beheaded in Mozambique as part of an Islamist insurgency, Save the Children, a UK-based aid group said.
- France has announced that it'll return a Nazi-looted painting to heirs of the Jewish family that was forced to sell it in 1938.
- Afghanistan's government has overturned a ban on schoolgirls aged over 12 from singing at public events after backlash on social media.
- HSBC Holdings's main office in Hong Kong has been shut until further notice after three people working in the building tested positive for COVID-19.