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- India has reported 22,854 new COVID-19 cases in the last 24 hours, which is the highest number of cases reported in a day since December last year.
- Observing that the government was exporting COVID-19 vaccines to "not-so-friendly countries", the Delhi High Court on Wednesday told the Centre that it needs to earn goodwill within the country first and then earn it outside.
- Commemorating the sale of more than five lakh copies of Swami Chidbhavananda's 'Bhagavad Gita', PM Narendra Modi on Thursday launched its kindle version.
- There are 4,13,670 beggars in India and West Bengal has the highest with 81,244 beggars, according to the 2011 census, Union Social Justice Minister told the Rajya Sabha.
- Delhi High Court has stayed a Delhi government order which called for suspending the subsidy offered on Tata Motors' electric vehicle Nexon.
- AAP's National Spokesperson and Rajinder Nagar MLA Raghav Chadha has tested positive for coronavirus.
- Gurugram district administration has launched a survey seeking the opinion of residents on aspects of women's safety.
- Maharashtra government has imposed a night curfew in Kalyan Dombivli and Nandurbar. In Kalyan Dombivli, shops will remain open from 7 am to 7 pm.
- Mahindra & Mahindra (M&M) has refuted media reports which claimed that it had fired 300 executives, saying they were "baseless" and "speculative".
- Communist Party of India (Marxist) leader Minakshi Mukherjee will contest against West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee and BJP leader Suvendu Adhikari from Nandigram in the upcoming state Assembly elections.
- Pune-based employee union Nascent Information Technology Employees Senate (NITES) has filed a complaint with the Labour Commissioner's office alleging that Tata Technologies 'illegally' terminated over 800 employees.
- Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari has denied reports that claimed Swedish manufacturer Scania gave a luxury bus to a company with connections to him that was intended for his daughter's wedding and was not fully paid for.
- Karnataka Large and Medium Industries Minister Jagadish Shettar on Wednesday said Taiwanese contract manufacturer for Apple, Wistron has resumed operations at its Narasapura facility at Kolar from March 8.



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- Billboards have come up in Canada's Greater Toronto area thanking Prime Minister Narendra Modi and India for providing COVID-19 vaccines to the country.
- Brazilian wildlife physician and video producer Karina Oliani has set Guinness World Record for the world's longest tyrolean traverse over a lava lake with a distance of 100.58 m.
- The UK has announced 'Right to Repair' law to extend the lifespan of electrical appliances by up to 10 years.
- Carlos Orduz, a TV anchor in Colombia, was injured after a portion of studio set fell on him while he was on air during a broadcast of ESPN FC Radio.
- Residents of Biak, an island in the Papua province of Indonesia, told The Guardian on Tuesday that a proposed SpaceX launchpad on their land would devastate the environment and render them homeless.
- Police officer Sachin Vaze should not be targeted until his alleged involvement in the Mansukh Hiran death case is established, said Maharashtra CM Uddhav Thackeray.
- Russian mining giant Norilsk Nickel, world's largest palladium producer, has paid a \$2 billion (over ₹14,000 crore) fine for an oil spill in the Arctic.
- Warren Buffett's net worth surpassed \$100 billion on Wednesday after the stock price of his company Berkshire Hathaway hit a record \$400,000.
- Meghan Markle had filed a formal complaint about former 'Good Morning Britain' presenter Piers Morgan who criticised her claims against the Royal Family, Britain's domestic Press Association news agency said.
- Pictures taken years apart show how Japan has rebuilt itself after being struck by a 9.0-magnitude earthquake and a tsunami in 2011, followed by Fukushima nuclear disaster, the worst natural disaster in Japan's history.
- Pakistan has said that all educational institutions in the country's worst COVID-19-hit cities will be closed for two weeks amid a surge in COVID-19 cases.
- The US on Wednesday imposed sanctions on Aung Pyae Sone and Khin Thiri Thet Mon, children of Myanmar's military leader Min Aung Hlaing.
- Chinese President Xi Jinping has told the military to be "prepared to respond to a variety of complex and difficult situations at any time" and to "resolutely safeguard national sovereignty".