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- India reported 12,286 new COVID-19 cases and 91 deaths in the last 24 hours, according to Union Health Ministry.
- A total of 4,27,072 COVID-19 vaccine doses were given till 7 pm on the first day of phase two of the nationwide vaccination program, Health Ministry said.
- PM Narendra Modi said that he's saddened by the demise of BJP's Lok Sabha MP from Madhya Pradesh's Khandwa Nandkumar Singh Chauhan.
- The Rajya Sabha TV (RSTV) and the Lok Sabha TV (LSTV) have been merged into a single brand known as Sansad Television (Sansad TV), the government said.
- The Supreme Court on Monday stayed the arrest of a man accused of rape by his former live-in partner.
- Delhi High Court called a probe report submitted by the police "half-baked", "a useless piece of paper" and "worse than what they do in an ordinary theft case".
- South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC) on Monday issued 153 challans to shopkeepers and traders found littering in market areas and the defaulters will now have to pay ₹500.
- Delhi Transport Corporation approved bids for procurement of 300 air-conditioned electric low-floor buses, the induction of which will be done by February 2022.
- The Punjab government on Monday decided to amend Punjab Excise Act, 1914, to introduce death penalty for the guilty in cases where people die after consuming spurious liquor, apart from fine up to ₹20 lakh.
- An advocate in Madhya Pradesh's Ratlam has been lodged in jail since February 9 for allegedly sending birthday greetings to a Judicial Magistrate First Class (JMFC) through email on January 28.
- Authorities in Uttar Pradesh's Lucknow have imposed Section 144 of the CrPC in the city till April 5 in order to maintain the law and order situation.
- BJP MP from Madhya Pradesh's Khandwa, Nandkumar Singh Chauhan, passed away in Medanta Hospital in Gurugram last night, ANI reported.
- The Chhattisgarh Police recruited 13 transgender people as constables in four districts of the state, a senior police official said.
- Railways Ministry on Monday issued a regulatory filing, directing its catering business arm IRCTC to cancel all existing mobile catering contracts that offer cooked food to passengers.



- Mumbai reported 855 fresh COVID-19 cases and four more deaths on Monday, taking the city's caseload to 3,26,770 and the death toll to 11,474, according to data issued by the Brihan Mumbai Municipal Corporation.
- The use of FASTags across national highways will help save ₹20,000 crore annually on fuel and boost India's revenue by nearly ₹10,000 crore, Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari said
- The State Bank of India (SBI) has decided to contribute ₹11 crore to PM CARES Fund to support next phase of Centre's COVID-19 vaccination drive.

INTERNATIONAL

- Prince Harry in an interview with Oprah Winfrey talked about his mother Princess Diana leaving royal life and said he was "relieved" to have Meghan by his side.
- Executive Director of WHO's Health Emergencies Programme, Mike Ryan, has said that it was "premature" and "unrealistic" to think that the COVID-19 pandemic might be stopped by the end of the year.
- The Chinese Foreign Ministry on Monday reacted to a US-based company's report that said that government-linked hackers targeted India's power grid amid border tensions between the two countries.
- A US doctor whose dance videos on TikTok amid the pandemic went viral has been accused of sexually harassing a female colleague.
- Former French President Nicolas Sarkozy was on Monday found guilty of trying to bribe a judge and of influence-peddling and sentenced to three years in jail, with two years suspended.
- Lawmakers from Ukraine's ruling party said that medical facilities had thrown away some unused COVID-19 vaccines after doctors failed to show up for their appointments to be vaccinated.
- Less than 10% of the world's population has developed antibodies against COVID-19, the WHO said. However, there are some areas, like densely populated urban settlements, where 50-60% of the population have developed antibodies against COVID-19, it added.
- Nepal's Army chief General Purna Chandra Thapa on Monday received his first dose of the Covishield vaccine, manufactured in India by the Serum Institute of India (SII).
- Ghana's President Nana Akufo-Addo has become the first person in the world to be vaccinated against coronavirus under the WHO-led COVAX scheme.
- Japan on Monday said that it has requested China to stop carrying out anal swab tests for COVID-19 on Japanese citizens.

