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NATIONAL

- Amid the surge in COVID-19 cases in India, PM Narendra Modi interacted with the Governors of the states on Wednesday over a virtual meet.
- After CBSE Class 12 examinations were postponed and Class 10 exams were cancelled, Congress took to Twitter and wrote, "Well done Modi ji, listening to the sound advice from Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi and Congress will go a long way in mending our nation."
- Amid rising COVID-19 cases across the country, the CEO of Delhi International Airport said that air travel is still the safest
- Amid rising cases of COVID-19, the Delhi government on Wednesday decided to increase the bed capacity by linking banquet halls to government hospitals.
- Partial lockdowns and night curfews across different states have led to a cumulative business loss of ₹46,000 crore in the 10 days, according to traders' body CAIT
- Former Maharashtra Home Minister Anil Deshmukh was on Wednesday questioned for eight hours by CBI regarding the corruption allegations against him, an official said.
- Three men, including a doctor, were arrested for allegedly selling Remdesivir injections at higher prices in Mumbai, police said .
- The Centre has informed the Bombay High Court that making FASTag mandatory for all vehicles running on national highways "does not violate a citizen's fundamental right to freedom of movement".
- Maharashtra Minister Eknath Shinde has said Reliance's plant in Gujarat's Jamnagar has agreed to supply additional 100 metric tonnes of oxygen to Maharashtra following a request made by CM Uddhav Thackeray.
- Rajasthan on Wednesday announced that a night curfew will be implemented from 6 pm to 6 am in all cities from April 16 to April 30.
- The gated community of My Home Jewel in Hyderabad's Madinaguda has become a COVID-19 hotspot with 112 confirmed positive cases.
- The Indian rupee has turned into Asia's worst-performing currency after being the best in the January-March quarter amid a record surge in COVID-19 cases in the country.
- Amid the new restrictions to curb COVID-19 cases in Maharashtra, Amazon has urged the state government to allow deliveries of all products to customers.
- The Finance Ministry on Wednesday said that fundraising through public issues and rights issues surged 115% and 15% respectively in 2020-21.



- Collections through systematic investment plans (SIPs) fell 4% to ₹96,000 crore in the 2020-21 fiscal, as per the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI).
- The government has permitted export of an additional 3,675 tonnes of raw or refined sugar to the United Kingdom under the tariff-rate quota. The additional quantity will be exported till September 30.
- The Maharashtra Real Estate Regulatory Authority (MahaRERA) has decided to set up a steering committee or panel of seven members to regulate the training and certification of real estate agents.

INTERNATIONAL

- Coinbase, the US' largest cryptocurrency exchange, surged above a \$112 billion valuation during its trading debut on the Nasdaq, then slipped back below its opening price.
- China's exports in March rose 30.6% to \$241.1 billion from a year earlier, while imports increased 38.1% to \$227.3 billion, customs data showed.
- Infosys plans to hire more than 25,000 freshers in the financial year 2021-22, the company's Chief Operating Officer (COO) UB Pravin Rao said during an earnings call .
- Microsoft President Brad Smith said that the Cambridge Analytica-Facebook data scandal was the "tipping point" for privacy globally.
- Denmark has become the first nation in European Union to drop the AstraZeneca vaccine from its COVID-19 inoculation program.
- Announcing that all US troops will be out of Afghanistan before September 11 this year, US President Joe Biden said, "War in Afghanistan was never meant to be a multi-generational undertaking.
- Amid rising COVID-19 cases, Bangladesh has announced an eight-day-long complete lockdown in the country from April 14 to April 21.
- Brazil on Tuesday reported 3,808 deaths from COVID-19 in the last 24 hours, raising its pandemic death toll to 3,58,425.
- US President Joe Biden said the "pause" on Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine shows that his administration is putting safety first.
- A Black man who was wrongfully arrested after facial recognition technology mistakenly identified him as a suspected shoplifter has sued Detroit police.

