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NATIONAL

- PM Narendra Modi took to Twitter on Good Friday and said that the day reminds people "about the struggles and sacrifices of Jesus Christ".
- The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has warned that worsening inequalities owing to the COVID-19 pandemic may lead to social unrest, polarisation and erosion of trust in governments.
- Reversing three months of decline, the urban unemployment rate in the country jumped to 7.24% in March, 25 basis points higher than the previous month.
- Ford Motor Company and Mahindra & Mahindra will not collaborate on any project they had agreed to as part of their abandoned joint venture in India, the companies said
- On the orders of Delhi Environment Minister Gopal Rai, the Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) on Thursday issued a penalty of ₹40 lakh to East Delhi Municipal Corporation (EDMC) for its alleged "carelessness" in preventing the Ghazipur landfill fire.
- Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal will inaugurate the 1.3-km redeveloped stretch of Chandni Chowk on April 17, the Delhi government said .
- Police busted a prostitution racket that was operating out of a spa in Shopprix Mall in Noida's Sector 61.
- The Railways have decided to suspend Ahmedabad-Mumbai Central-Ahmedabad Tejas Express from April 2 amid a rise in daily COVID-19 cases in both Gujarat and Maharashtra.
- The Gujarat Assembly has passed the Gujarat Freedom of Religion (Amendment) Bill, 2021 which aims to stop forceful religious conversions.
- The Narmada canal broke 100 times in the last two years in Gujarat's Banaskantha district, the state government said
- 81,466 people tested positive for coronavirus in the last 24 hours in India, marking the biggest single-day rise in the number of coronavirus cases in the country in 2021.
- CBI arrested three people who posed as the personal staff of Telangana MP Kavitha Maloth in a ₹1 lakh bribery case.
- A Mumbai court granted bail to a 20-year-old man, booked for raping and impregnating a minor after a DNA report revealed that he is not the biological father of the child born to the victim.
- Nearly 69% of Karnataka's daily coronavirus cases have been recorded in Bengaluru Urban at 2,906, according to the state's Department of Health and Family Welfare figures published.



- Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik on Thursday said that his government has transferred ₹693.94 crore to 34 lakh farmers' bank accounts under the Krushak Assistance for Livelihood and Income Augmentation (KALIA) scheme.
- Chief of Defence Staff General Bipin Rawat on Thursday inaugurated a new joint logistics node (JLN) in Mumbai with an aim to integrate the military's logistics set-up and improve its war-fighting ability.
- Cricketer T Natarajan received the SUV promised to him by Anand Mahindra after the industrialist got impressed with his performance in Australia.

INTERNATIONAL

- WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said experts examining the COVID-19 origins, first identified in China, will conduct "follow-up assessments" on an initial report released this week.
- UK's Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency on Thursday said it has identified 30 cases of rare blood clot events after the use of the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine.
- Pakistan's Cabinet headed by the country's PM Imran Khan has rejected the recommendation of the Economic Coordination Committee to import cotton and sugar from India.
- Speaking about the memes mocking the Ever Given ship that blocked the Suez Canal, a 32-year-old tugboat worker, Eslam Negm, who helped re-floating the ship said, "No one was able to see how much pressure we were under."
- US politician Matt Gaetz showed photos and videos of nude women he said he had slept with to other politicians, including while on the House floor, CNN reported.
- A 121-year-old chocolate bar that was part of a batch commissioned by Queen Victoria for British soldiers in South Africa was found in the attic of a manor in Norfolk in eastern England.
- Germany's President Frank-Walter Steinmeier on Thursday received the first dose of AstraZeneca's COVID-19 vaccine, his office announced. "I trust the vaccines authorised in Germany.
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- At least 43 children have been killed by armed forces in Myanmar since the military carried a coup in February, the rights group Save the Children said .
- Myanmar's detained leader, Aung San Suu Kyi, has been charged with breaking a colonial-era official secrets law, her lawyer said.
- Tesla plans to hire over 10,000 people for its Texas Gigafactory through 2022.

