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### **NATIONAL**

- India has recorded more than one lakh COVID-19 cases in a span of 24 hours with 1,03,558 new cases, the highest single-day rise in infections since the pandemic began last year
- Delhi on Sunday recorded 4,033 new coronavirus cases in the last 24 hours, marking the biggest daily case surge in the national capital this year.
- The Delhi government is going to launch 21 model centres in Anganwadi hubs in April under the Saheli Samanvay Kendra (SSK) scheme.
- The Haryana government on Sunday issued fresh COVID-19 guidelines and capped the number of people at gatherings.
- Haryana CM Manohar Lal Khattar on Sunday announced an increase in the salaries of sanitation workers both in rural and urban areas in the state.
- The Special Operations Group of the Jammu and Kashmir Police from Jhajjar Kotli arrested Malik Umair, a self-styled commander of the Islamic State of Jammu and Kashmir (ISJK), averting a terror strike in the Union Territory, said Mukesh Singh, Inspector General of Police (IGP) Jammu.
- Former chairman of J&K Bank Parvez Ahmad Nengroo was arrested on Saturday in connection with a case of illegal allotment of tenders for housekeeping that led to a ₹6.92-crore loss to the bank.
- The ambush attack that led to 22 security personnel being martyred in Chhattisgarh's Bijapur was led by some 400 Naxals who surrounded the soldiers from three sides and rained machine gunfire as well as IEDs for several hours, officials said.
- The Bihar Public Service Commission (BPSC) postponed the Bihar Judicial Services (BJS) examination 2021 after aspirants requested postponement or cancellation of the examination due to surge in COVID-19 cases in Patna.
- Maharashtra on Sunday reported 57,074 new COVID-19 cases, the highest single-day spike in cases the state has seen so far.
- The Maharashtra State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) has granted Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) clearance to the MMRDA Metro-5 line, a Mumbai Urban Transport Project official said.
- BMC's Mumbai Fire Brigade has increased the annual scrutiny fees by 2.5 times for issuing fire safety no-objection certificate (NOC) for fresh or amended structures in respect of high and low rise buildings.
- Rajasthan government on Sunday ordered the closure of cinema halls, theatres and multiplexes to control the spread of coronavirus in the state.



- A 90-metre wide fountain is likely to be made operational from May near the AIIMS flyover in Delhi, NDMC officials said.
- India pacer Mohammed Siraj took to social media to share a picture of his elder brother and mother receiving Mahindra Thar gifted to the cricketer by Mahindra Group Chairman Anand Mahindra.
- The government rejected Walmart India's proposal to buy out the entire chain of Grameen e-stores run and managed by the Common Service Centres (CSC), earlier this year .
- ByteDance, the parent company of TikTok, has told the Bombay High Court that the blocking of its bank accounts during the process of investigating possible tax evasion amounts to undue coercion, Reuters reported, citing court filings.
- Union Petroleum Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said on Sunday that petrol, diesel and LPG prices "have started reducing now and they'll reduce further in the coming days".

### **INTERNATIONAL**

- Microsoft Founder Bill Gates while discussing the rise of SPACs said the world has gone from companies staying private too long to some companies going public too soon via SPAC.
- Adidas' former owner Bernard Tapie was attacked along with his wife during a night-time robbery at their home near Paris.
- Former US President Donald Trump has called for a boycott of "woke companies" like Coke over their opposition to Georgia's new controversial voting reform bill.
- Around 70% of coronavirus patients tested at a hospital in Japan's Tokyo last month carried a mutation known for reducing vaccine protection, Japanese public broadcaster NHK
- Marwa Elselehdar, Egypt's first female ship captain, has said she was shocked after a fake news article spread on social media which said she was behind the huge container ship getting stuck at Suez Canal.
- Jordan's former crown prince and half brother of King Abdullah II, Hamzah bin Hussein, said in a video message on Saturday that he has been placed under "house arrest".
- The US government has stopped a Baltimore manufacturing plant that ruined 1.5 crore doses of Johnson & Johnson's COVID-19 vaccine from making the vaccine developed by Oxford-AstraZeneca.
- An anti-terrorism court (ATC) in Pakistan has jailed five aides of the 2008 Mumbai attack mastermind and Jamaat-ud-Dawa (JuD) chief Hafiz Saeed in a terror-financing case. .

