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- Addressing the Chief Ministers over COVID-19 situation, PM Narendra Modi said, "We need to prioritise (COVID-19 vaccine distribution) with what we have. We won't get the result by keeping vaccines in one state."
- Discussing the COVID-19 situation with Chief Ministers, PM Narendra Modi on Thursday asked the states to endorse 'night curfew' as 'corona curfew'.
- Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan will on Friday chair a meeting of the high-level Group of Ministers on COVID-19 to discuss the pandemic situation in the country and strategies to be adopted for the availability and distribution of vaccines.
- India formally handed over a ₹100-crore made-in-India Fast Patrol Vessel to Seychelles Coast Guard during PM Narendra Modi's virtual summit with Seychelles President Wavel Ramkalawan.
- The CBI has started a probe into the alleged poaching and killing of elephants in Tamil Nadu forests.
- All courts in Delhi will hold only virtual hearings from April 9 amid a spike in COVID-19 cases in the national capital, according to an order issued by the Delhi High Court.
- Five workers were killed after a fire broke out at a firecracker factory functioning from a house in Uttar Pradesh's Bijnor
- Gautam Buddha Nagar Police said that 3,364 people were fined for not wearing masks in Noida and Greater Noida and over ₹3 lakh was collected from them.
- An Uttar Pradesh-bound train was seen packed with migrant labourers at Lokmanya Tilak Terminus in Mumbai.
- Karnataka CM BS Yediyurappa on Thursday announced that 'corona curfew' (night curfew) will be imposed in seven cities from 10pm to 5am from April 10 to 20 amid rising coronavirus cases.
- The Election Commission has sent a notice to BJP leader Suwendu Adhikari over an alleged "hate speech" delivered by him while campaigning in Nandigram.
- India's largest two-wheeler maker Hero MotoCorp has announced that it is initiating a COVID-19 vaccination drive and will cover the cost of vaccines for its entire workforce.
- The Finance Ministry has requested the Home Ministry and Health Ministry to enable COVID-19 vaccination of bankers and National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) employees on a "priority basis" regardless of age.
- The NCLAT has admitted OYO's plea and ordered a stay on further insolvency proceeding against OYO's subsidiary.



- Ghaziabad Nagar Nigam has announced that its green bond issue, which is the first by a municipal corporation in India, was successfully listed on the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE).
- Equity mutual funds witnessed their first inflow in nine months in March even as benchmark indices remain flat after scaling record peaks in February, data from the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI) showed.

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- The Serum Institute of India has fully refunded South Africa for the 5 lakh doses of the COVID-19 vaccine, which were not delivered to the country.
- Production of some of Apple's MacBook and iPad models has been postponed due to a global component shortage, Nikkei reported.
- Investors in the auto sector face greater risk from not owning Tesla shares in their portfolio than owning them, Morgan Stanley said in a research note.
- One of Myanmar's most popular celebrities has been arrested by the military as part of a crackdown on artists and actors amid the coup in the country.
- Colombo Police arrested Mrs World Caroline Jurie on charges of assault over an on-stage scuffle in which she pulled the crown off the head of the new Mrs Sri Lanka Pushpika De Silva.
- COVID-19 cases continue to surge throughout the Americas, with over 1.3 million new cases and 37,000 deaths reported in the region in the last week, Pan American Health Organization Director said.
- A 104-year-old Colombian woman has beaten COVID-19 infection for the second time in nine months. Carmen Hernandez was tested COVID-19 positive for the first time in June 2020 and then again in March 2021, after being vaccinated.
- The French army tested Boston Dynamics' four-legged robot dog Spot and other robots for reconnaissance during a two-day training exercise. Students at the Saint-Cyr military school ran a number of scenarios, once with the robots and once without them.
- Pope Francis has told the International Monetary Fund and World Bank that poor countries hit by the economic impact of the COVID-19 need to have their debt burden reduced.
- Twitter has launched 'Milk Tea Alliance' emoji, a global online pro-democracy movement which united anti-China campaigners in Hong Kong and Taiwan with protestors in Thailand.

