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- India recorded 96,982 fresh COVID-19 cases and 446 deaths in the last 24 hours, according to the Union Health Ministry.
- Indian Air Force Air Chief Marshal RKS Bhadauria at a FICCI seminar said smart technologies like artificial intelligence (AI) have the potential to change the way we train and fight future wars.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday appealed to the voters in poll-bound states/Union Territory to vote in record numbers, particularly the young voters.
- The Delhi government on Monday released a list of the number of beds reserved for confirmed or suspected cases of COVID-19 at 11 hospitals, amid a surge in cases in the national capital.
- Over 100 students of Arya Kanya Gurukul in Delhi's New Rajinder Nagar are being sent back home after nine students reportedly tested positive for COVID-19.
- Centre wrote to the Delhi government asking it to issue show-cause notices to COVID-19 vaccination centres (CVCs) over irregularities in identifying beneficiaries below the age of 45.
- A 150-member team of the Uttar Pradesh Police including a company of the Provincial Armed Constabulary reached Punjab on Tuesday to bring back jailed gangster-turned-politician Mukhtar Ansari, who is facing trial in over a dozen cases there.
- Earthquake of magnitude 5.4 on the Richter scale struck near Sikkim-Nepal border at 8.49 pm on Monday, ANI reported quoting the National Center for Seismology.
- Maharashtra reported 47,288 new COVID-19 cases, 26,252 discharges and 155 deaths in the last 24 hours, official figures released .
- Pune has inoculated 8% of its population in the district as over a million doses have been given.
- The Goa government is exploring the possibility of setting up its own genome sequencing lab since Pune's National Institute of Virology is taking a long time to identify variants responsible for COVID-19 surge, state Health Minister Vishwajit Rane said.
- Union Health Secretary on Monday said on-site registration for healthcare and frontline workers will now happen only at government COVID-19 vaccination centres.
- ECI has reportedly extended polling time by one hour across four states and UT to allow COVID-19 patients to vote.
- A woman from Hyderabad lost over ₹3 lakh after she shared her banking credentials with two of her known male acquaintances.
- Voting for Assembly elections is underway in over 450 constituencies spread across four states- West Bengal, Assam, Tamil Nadu and Kerala- and the Union Territory of Puducherry.





- BYJU'S has confirmed acquiring Aakash Educational Institute, which runs a chain of physical coaching centres across India, in a cash-and-stock deal worth reportedly \$1 billion.
- India's biggest lender SBI has hiked the minimum interest rate on home loans by 25 basis points to 6.95% from 6.70% earlier, effective April 1, 2021.
- Investors' wealth tumbled over ₹2.16 lakh crore on Monday as markets crashed amid a sharp spike in coronavirus cases in the country.

INTERNATIONAL

- The total market value of crypto currencies passed \$2 trillion, hitting an all-time high and doubling in value in just three months.
- A 22-year-old beauty queen's speech against the military coup in Myanmar has gone viral. During the Miss Grand International 2020 event in Thailand, Miss Grand Myanmar Han Lay said, "Today in my country Myanmar...there are so many people dying...Please help Myanmar.
- Russian President Vladimir Putin signed a law allowing him to run for two more terms in the Kremlin until 2036, a document posted on a government website showed.
- Mexico's President Andrés Manuel López Obrador said that he won't get vaccinated against COVID-19 because his doctors told him he still has a high level of antibodies from when he was infected in January.
- Vietnam's National Assembly on Monday elected Pham Minh Chinh as the country's next Prime Minister and outgoing PM Nguyen Xuan Phuc as the new President.
- Nepal's Health Minister Hridayesh Tripathi has warned that the country may witness the peak of the second wave of COVID-19 in June if people do not follow precautionary measures.
- US airlines are recalling and bringing in more pilots while preparing for a rise in travel demand as more people receive coronavirus vaccinations.
- A Singaporean blogger raised around ₹72 lakh through crowdfunding on social media to cover damages he was ordered to pay Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong in a defamation case.
- Apple CEO Tim Cook has responded to Elon Musk's claim that he once tried to hold talks about the possibility of selling Tesla to Apple.
- Tesla shares were up about 7.5% in pre-market trading on Monday, after it posted record deliveries in the first quarter.

