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- India has reported 3,52,991 COVID-19 cases and 2,812 deaths in the last 24 hours, which is the highest single-day rise in the number of daily cases as well as daily deaths since the pandemic began.

- AIIMS Director Dr Randeep Guleria, while speaking on the shortage of oxygen and medicines said, "Hoarding of injections like Remdesivir and oxygen in homes is creating a panic.

- Amazon has partnered with ACT Grants, Temasek Foundation, Pune Platform for COVID-19 Response (PPCR) and others to airlift over 8,000 oxygen concentrators and 500 BiPAP machines from Singapore to India.

- Former JNU student Umar Khalid, arrested last year in connection with a Delhi riots case, has tested positive for COVID-19 in Tihar Jail.

- Delhi government said the Centre is giving "outrightly false" statements to hide its abject "failure" in setting up Pressure Swing Adsorption (PSA) oxygen plants in Delhi.

- Jammu and Kashmir Tribal Affairs Department Administrative Secretary Shahid Choudhary on Sunday announced that four model residential schools would be established in tribal areas of the Union Territory.

- Maldives' Ministry of Tourism has announced that tourists travelling from India to Maldives will be suspended from staying at tourist facilities in inhabited islands from tomorrow.

- Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik has announced free COVID-19 vaccination for all in the age group of 18 to 44 years. Patnaik said, "Around two crore people of this age group will benefit and state government will spend ₹2,000 crore for this purpose."

- A 900-bed COVID-19 hospital, named Dhanvantari Covid Hospital, became operational in Gujarat's Ahmedabad on Sunday, the Chief Minister's Office said in a press note.

- India's largest stockbroking platform Zerodha's billionaire Founder and CEO Nithin Kamath in a series of tweets suggested that permanent work from home is the "only long-term" fix to many of India's problems.

- Voting for the seventh phase in the West Bengal Assembly elections has begun. Polling will be held in 34 constituencies across 12,068 polling stations.

- Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella took to Twitter to share that he is heartbroken by the current situation in India.

- Three men were arrested in the Kotwali area of Uttar Pradesh's Ghaziabad for the alleged black marketing of Remdesivir at ₹40,000 per dose, police said.

- Infosys announced that it's opening a COVID Care Centre (CCC) in Bengaluru exclusively for its employees and their family, which will be operational .
- Online poker platform PokerStars India has announced "3rd Anniversary Freeroll" worth ₹10 lakh on April 25, 8pm onwards.
- Daily essentials brand Country Delight introduced Country Coconut Water with ad featuring actor Sanjay Mishra.
- Zomato's not-for-profit organisation 'Zomato Feeding India' has kickstarted the "Help Save My India" initiative with logistics startup Delhivery to source oxygen concentrators and related supplies to help hospitals and families in need amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

INTERNATIONAL

- A missing Indonesian submarine has been found sunk and broken into at least three parts deep in the Bali Sea, Army and Navy officials said .
- The European Union (EU) said that it'll send aid to India amid a sharp increase in coronavirus cases. "Alarmed by the epidemiological situation in India.
- More than 100 crore doses of coronavirus vaccines have been administered across the world, according to an AFP tally.
- Italy has banned entry to foreign travellers who've been in India in the past 14 days, Italian Health Minister Roberto Speranza said.
- Embassy of India in Saudi Arabia said on Saturday that 80MT liquid oxygen will be shipped from Saudi Arabia to India in coordination with Adani group and Linde company amid shortages.
- The death toll from a fire sparked by an oxygen tank explosion at a hospital in Iraq rose to 82, an Interior Ministry spokesman said on Sunday. At least 110 people were injured in the fire.
- Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi has received his first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, his office said.
- Software developer Moritz Schmidt, who has earned about $2.4 million through Bitcoin investment, has donated $1.2 million to Germany's environmentalist political party Alliance 90/The Greens.
- Turkey will respond to the "simply outrageous" statement by US President Joe Biden recognising the massacres of Armenians under the Ottoman Empire as genocide, Turkish Presidential Spokesperson Ibrahim Kalin said.
- Armenian PM Nikol Pashinyan resigned on Sunday ahead of an early general election he called following criticism over his handling of last year's conflict with Azerbaijan in the disputed region of Nagorno-Karabakh.