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- Petrol and diesel prices hit record-high levels on Wednesday after fuel rates were hiked again. A 25 paise increase took petrol price in Delhi to ₹95.56/litre while diesel price soared to ₹86.47.
- The Uttar Pradesh government on Tuesday said that it has set the target of vaccinating 10 crore people in the next three months.
- Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has announced smartphones for around four lakh Anganwadi workers in the state to ensure smooth activities.
- A nurse at Thanjavur Medical College in Tamil Nadu on Monday allegedly cut a part of a two-week-old girl's left thumb while removing the Intravenous Line, after which the family sought action.
- The Karnataka High Court told the state government that it must plant five times the number of trees that have been felled within Bengaluru's Bannerghatta National Park (BNP) buffer zone for a state highway project.
- A doctor was arrested on Tuesday for allegedly practising at a hospital in Mumbai's Bandra for two years using a fake degree.
- Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Sushil Chandra said he had written to Union Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad last month urging him to expedite electoral reform proposals.
- Seven accused, who were allegedly involved in an electricity supply dispute, fled from Danapur Civil Court in Patna on Tuesday after they were denied bail, claimed reports.
- The government on Tuesday capped the charges of COVID-19 vaccine doses at private hospitals. According to a Union Health Ministry order, the price of Covaxin has been capped at ₹1,410 per dose, that of Covishield has been capped at ₹780 per dose and that of Sputnik V at ₹1,145 per dose.
- Mahindra Group Chairman Anand Mahindra has said he's "fed up and confused" about coronavirus variants.
- After Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman flagged glitches being faced by users on the new income tax return filing website, Infosys Co-founder Nandan Nilekani said the company regrets it.

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- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday took to Twitter to flag glitches being faced by users in the new income tax return filing website and tagged Infosys and its Co-founder Nandan Nilekani.
- Bankruptcy court National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) has allowed Vedanta Group firm Twin Star Technologies to takeover Videocon Industries.
- Reacting to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's announcement that private hospitals cannot levy a service charge of more than ₹150 for administering coronavirus vaccine, Fortis Healthcare on Monday claimed that this amount won't cover additional costs.

### INTERNATIONAL

- 800 suspected criminals have been arrested worldwide after being tricked into using FBI-run encrypted messaging app ANOM officials said.
- India has been elected to the 54-member Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), one of the six main organs of the United Nations, for the 2022-24 term.
- At least three cars fell into a sinkhole which opened up suddenly at a parking lot of a hospital in Jerusalem.
- The United Nations Security Council backed Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on Tuesday for a second term, recommending that the 193-member UN General Assembly appoint him for another five years from January 1, 2022.
- China is continuing with a "massive cover-up" on COVID-19 even as the theory that COVID-19 leaked from Wuhan lab gains credibility, FOX News reported citing advisory board member to the WHO.
- The United Nations on Tuesday said an estimated 1,00,000 people had been displaced in Myanmar's Kayah State by recent violence, including "indiscriminate attacks by security forces" against civilian areas.
- A UN tribunal upheld the conviction of ex-Bosnian Serb military chief Ratko Mladic for genocide and other offences during Bosnia's 1992-95 war and confirmed his life sentence.
- Taliban insurgents have captured another Afghanistan's district on Tuesday as government forces reportedly abandoned the Dawlat Abad district centre without engaging the militants.

