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- India's COVID-19 recovery rate stands at 97.38%, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare said on Friday as the country recorded 44,230 new cases.
- The RBI has cancelled the licence of Madgaum Urban Co-operative Bank, Margao in Goa as the bank does not have adequate capital and earning prospects.
- Delhi Police has arrested a constable and his associate in connection with a two-month-old murder and kidnapping case.
- The Union Minister for Women and Child Development, Smriti Irani, on Thursday told the Rajya Sabha that there are over nine lakh severely acute malnourished (SAM) children aged six months and six years in the country.
- Days after violent clashes along Assam-Mizoram border killed six police officers, the Himanta Biswa Sarma-led Assam government on Thursday issued an advisory asking citizens not to travel to Mizoram.
- A 40-year-old woman died and her daughter was injured on Thursday after the roof of their shanty in Delhi's Govindpuri area collapsed due to rains.
- A married woman, who is a Delhi resident, was raped by a cab driver inside the vehicle while returning from work, police said.
- Pune needs to speed up the organ donation drive to reach pre-COVID-19 levels, according to city-based nephrologist Dr SM Ambike.
- An unidentified man has been booked for cheating a bank of ₹9.9 lakh in Pune by posing as a CEO of a company.
- A 29-year-old transgender person was allegedly murdered by two people, including another transgender person, after a fight over a begging spot near a bridge in Mumbai's Borivali West.
- The Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA) has taken up the development and beautification of 20 lakes within its limits. "
- To promote the use of electric vehicles, the Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC) has decided to procure 38 electric cars for its officials to carry out their official duties.
- Boasting 12 lakh+ customers and a leading claim settlement ratio of 97%, Navi has announced its emergence as the preferred choice of health insurance.



- The new income tax portal has successfully received over 25.82 lakh I-T returns (ITRs), according to latest official data accessed by PTI.
- The government has permitted 100% foreign direct investment (FDI) under the automatic route in oil and gas PSUs which have received in-principle approval for strategic disinvestment.

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- National Gallery of Australia announced it'll return 14 works of art worth over ₹16 crore from its Asian art collection to India.
- The US will conduct a second lottery for H-1B visas to decide on successful applicants, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has announced.
- After being accused of rape victim blaming for his comments last month, Pakistan PM Imran Khan has said that he would never say "such a stupid thing where a person who's raped is responsible".
- Zimbabwe has approved Johnson and Johnson COVID-19 vaccine for emergency use amid rising coronavirus cases in the country.
- New York City has announced that it'll give \$100 (over ₹7,400) to anyone who gets their first COVID-19 vaccine dose at any city-run vaccination clinic beginning from Friday.
- Australia has deployed hundreds of soldiers to its largest city Sydney to help enforce an extended lockdown amid rising COVID-19 cases.
- Biocon Limited's Semglee insulin has received the US Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) approval as the first biosimilar interchangeable product for treating diabetes.
- Kim Beom-su, the 55-year-old Founder of messaging company Kakao, has become South Korea's richest person after his company's shares surged by 90% this year, raising his fortune by \$6 billion.
- Philanthropists MacKenzie Scott and Melinda French Gates, along with billionaire Lynn Schusterman's family foundation, have awarded \$40 million to four organisations that promote gender equality.
- Trevor Milton, electric truck maker Nikola's 39-year-old billionaire Founder, has been charged with lying to investors.

