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- India's first nasal COVID-19 vaccine, developed by Bharat Biotech, has been given the regulatory approval for conducting phase 2/3 clinical trials, the government said .
- India responded to Pakistan's allegations of RAW's support to the attackers of the July bus bombing in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, saying that the latter was 'lying'.
- 66 people have been found infected with Delta Plus COVID-19 variant in Maharashtra so far, the state health department said on Friday, adding that some of them are fully vaccinated.
- World's largest vaccine maker Serum Institute of India's (SII) Chairman Cyrus Poonawalla on Friday termed the government's ban on COVID-19 vaccine exports a "very bad move".
- RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav on Friday said it was an insult for Bihar CM Nitish Kumar if the latter hadn't been given time by PM Narendra Modi to discuss the caste-based census in the state.
- Hearing a dowry harassment case, a Mumbai sessions court observed that the woman's complaint that her husband had sex with her forcibly cannot be considered an "illegal thing".
- The Supreme Court on Friday gave 15 days' notice to 9,538 Amrapali homebuyers to fill their details on the court receiver's website and start making payments, failing which their allotment could be cancelled.
- While describing Mumbai as one of the most polluted cities in India, the Supreme Court asked the Union and state governments to ensure that smaller cities don't become what Mumbai is today.
- Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) will be honouring 100 COVID-19 warriors during the 75th Independence Day celebrations at Field Marshal Manekshaw Parade Ground in the city on August 15.
- Intensifying the COVID-19 vaccination drive in Hyderabad, the Health Department and Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) have launched 75 additional mobile vans to vaccinate people aged above 18 years, free of cost.

- **Launching the National Automobile Scrappage Policy, PM Narendra Modi said a certificate will be given on scrapping of the old car, which will ensure that an individual doesn't have to pay registration fees for a new car.**
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- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi has appreciated the women self-help groups (SHGs) for producing masks and sanitisers and creating awareness during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.**

### INTERNATIONAL

- **July 2021 was the hottest month globally ever recorded, the American agency National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) said.**
- **The US state of Washington has confirmed its first live 'murder hornet' sighting of the year. Two months ago, scientists found a dead Asian giant hornet north of Seattle.**
- **The white population in US has shrunk for the first time in history last decade with increase among people who identify as multi-racial, Hispanic and Asian, according to US' 2020 Census data.**
- **The Taliban has banned the COVID-19 vaccine in eastern Afghanistan's Paktia province, a report by a local news media organization Shamsad News has said.**
- **An American man has been charged with killing his two children, aged 2 years and 10 months, with a spearfishing gun after being convinced that they'd grow up to be "monsters" as they had "serpent DNA".**
- **Canada's Chief Public Health Officer Theresa Tam said, "The latest national surveillance data indicate that a fourth wave is underway in Canada and that cases are plotting along a strong resurgence trajectory."**
- **Ex-General Than Shwe, who led Myanmar for nearly two decades as the head of a junta, has been hospitalised after testing positive for COVID-19.**
- **Hong Kong's population has declined by 89,200 in the year that ended in June, according to government data.**
- **The Taliban captured veteran Afghan militia commander Ismail Khan, who was leading Herat's resistance against the insurgents, local officials said .**