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- **PM Narendra Modi on Tuesday tweeted, "Wins and losses are a part of life. Our Men's Hockey Team gave their best and that is what counts."**
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched e-RUPI, an electronic voucher-based cashless and contactless digital payment platform.**
- **India has reported 30,549 new cases and 422 deaths in the last 24 hours, according to the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.**
- **Bharat Biotech said on Monday that the World Health Organization (WHO) has awarded prequalification to its rotavirus vaccine Rotavac 5D.**
- **Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has approved new guidelines for the operation of spas and massage centres in the city, to ensure security of clients and employees and to also prevent sexual abuse and trafficking.**
- **Suspected drone movements were reported in Jammu and Kashmir's Samba district on Monday night, SSP Samba Rajesh Sharma said. Another suspected drone activity was reported on Sunday night from four places in the Bari Brahmana area of Samba district.**
- **A nine-year-old girl was allegedly raped and murdered and her body was cremated without her parents' consent at Delhi's Old Nangal Crematorium.**
- **The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) has issued new guidelines easing COVID-19 restrictions in Mumbai.**
- **Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma on Monday directed the state police to withdraw the FIR against those accused in the border clashes with Mizoram on July 26.**
- **Retired IAS officer Amarjeet Sinha has resigned as advisor to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, with seven months to go before his two-year tenure was to officially end, reports said. Sinha looked after social sector matters in the PMO.**
- **The Lok Sabha on Monday passed a bill to amend the general insurance law and to allow the Centre to sell its majority stake in state-run insurance companies.**
- **A central team of experts will visit Pune to monitor the Zika virus infection situation after the state's first case was detected at Purandar tehsil's Belsar village.**
- **Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has made institutional quarantine mandatory for people arriving in Bengaluru from outside of Karnataka to contain spread of coronavirus.**

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- **IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw is likely to meet representatives of social media companies this month, The Indian Express reported.**
- **Maruti Suzuki India Chairman RC Bhargava said high cost of acquisition, including higher GST than all other major countries, is slowing down car demand in India.**
- **PB Fintech, the parent company of PolicyBazaar and Paisabazaar, filed papers for ₹6,017-crore IPO on August 2.**

### INTERNATIONAL

- **Iran on Monday reported 37,189 new coronavirus infections in the country's highest number of single-day cases recorded so far in the pandemic, state media reported.**
- **Four-time Olympic gold medallist Simone Biles, who withdrew from the vault and uneven bars gymnastics final at the Tokyo Olympics, will compete in the balance beam final.**
- **Over 10,000 pigs have been kept in a 13-storey building complete with restricted access, security cameras, in-house veterinary services and special meals in southern China.**
- **Afghan President Ashraf Ghani on Monday said that the country's deteriorating security situation is due to a sudden decision by the US to withdraw its troops.**
- **Afghanistan National Defence and Security Forces (ANDSF) have killed 1,327 Taliban terrorists and injured 832 others in the operations between July 24 and August 1.**
- **Germany will begin administering COVID-19 vaccine booster shots to elderly and at-risk citizens from September 1, the Health Ministers of the country's 16 states said.**
- **A policeman escorting a polio vaccination team was shot dead by unidentified gunmen in northwestern Pakistan on Monday, an official said. It is the third attack in two days on Pakistani policemen assigned to protect polio workers.**
- **Chinese authorities on Monday said that the death toll from recent floods in China's Henan province rose to 302, three times the previously announced toll of 99.**

