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- India reported less than 20,000 new COVID-19 cases after 201 days as 18,795 people tested positive in the last 24 hours. The country reported 26,030 recoveries and 179 deaths, according to Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- India on Monday successfully test-fired a new version of the Akash Missile- the 'Akash Prime'- which was able to intercept and destroy an unmanned aerial target mimicking enemy aircraft.
- State-run oil retailers hiked petrol price by 19-25 paise per litre across India on Tuesday as international oil prices surged to three-year highs.
- Haryana government extended the ban on the sale and manufacture of gutkha and pan masala for one year. The state Food and Drugs Administration issued a notification under which, the sale and purchase of tobacco products have been prohibited for a year from September 7, 2021.
- Cyclone Gulab, which turned into a deep depression after crossing the coast of Andhra Pradesh on Sunday, could give rise to another cyclone in the Arabian Sea, India Meteorological Department (IMD) officials said.
- Two trekkers died due to high-altitude sickness in Himachal Pradesh's Spiti Valley and twelve people have been stranded, officials said.
- Remnants of cyclonic storm Gulab are likely to bring heavy to very heavy rainfall in Mumbai, Thane and adjoining areas on Tuesday, according to India Meteorological Department (IMD).
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- After RSS-linked magazine 'Panchjanya' termed Amazon as "East India Company 2.0", Congress spokesperson Pawan Khera said, "What the RSS says about Amazon is irrelevant because there is a duet going on between RSS and BJP.
- As the Centre is planning to introduce a bullet train between Hyderabad and Mumbai, it will reduce the travel time between the two cities from the present 14 hours to three hours, NHSRC Deputy General Manager NK Patil said.



- Fugitive liquor baron Vijay Mallya's son Sidhartha Mallya, who recently wrote a memoir about his mental health issues, dismissed allegations that the book is a 'PR stunt'.
- Pune-based IT firm Persistent Systems' billionaire Founder Anand Deshpande told Moneycontrol, "I wasn't planning to be a billionaire."
- Unacademy faculty Siddharth Singh in a video lecture called "Mission IAS 2021 | Geography by Siddharth Sir | Biomes" used racist language against Northeast tribal farmers.

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- The COVID-19 pandemic reduced life expectancy in 2020 by the largest amount since World War Two, according to a study by Oxford University.
- A team of Omani cavers has made what is believed to be the first descent to the bottom of Yemen's fabled 'Well of Hell', a sinkhole that is 100-foot-wide and 367-foot-deep.
- Taliban militants executed a child in Afghanistan's Takhar as his father was suspected to be a part of the resistance force. Earlier this month, Taliban hanged a dead body from a crane in the main square of Herat city, an eyewitness told The Associated Press.
- North Korea fired an unidentified projectile towards the sea off its east coast on Tuesday, South Korea's military said. Japan's Defence Ministry said it appeared to be a ballistic missile.
- A US official on Monday said that there are around 100 American citizens and legal permanent residents (LPRs) waiting to leave Afghanistan.
- Power cuts have hit factories and homes in northeast China amid a shortage of coal supplies that are used for power generation. Rationing has been implemented during peak hours in many parts of the region since last week to deal with the shortage.
- A UN official on Monday said that Afghanistan and Myanmar had withdrawn their participation from the General Debate of the 76th session of the UN General Assembly (UNGA).
- Ten more students who were kidnapped by gunmen from a school in Nigeria in July have been released after a ransom was paid.

