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- India's power stations reportedly had an average of four days' worth of coal stock at September-end, with reserves of the fuel running lowest in years.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday praised ace investor Rakesh Jhunjhunwala after a meeting with him in Delhi.
- Delhi government on Tuesday informed the Delhi HC that it has approved ₹79.48 crore for setting up the hybrid system for the conduct of hearings in the seven district courts.
- Delhi has reported 27 new COVID-19 cases and 76 recoveries in the past 24 hours.
- The owners of Delhi's Sitaram Bhartia Institute of Science and Research reportedly set up a trust in the Cayman Islands, which further acquired a company with at least two Swiss bank accounts and assets worth over \$35 million at one point.
- Three civilians were shot dead by terrorists in three attacks within an hour in Jammu and Kashmir. Terrorists killed a prominent pharmacy owner named Makhan Lal Bindroo near Iqbal Park in Srinagar.
- Pune district reported 434 new COVID-19 cases while 622 people were discharged from the hospitals. Five people succumbed to the virus.
- The Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC) has allowed places of worship to open from October 7 amid the strict implementation of COVID-19 guidelines.
- Bengaluru on Tuesday reported 201 new COVID-19 cases. Out of the 14 deaths reported in Karnataka, four fatalities were from Bengaluru Urban, the highest in the state .
- Telangana government to operate more than 4,045 special buses ahead of the festive season. According to TSRTC officials, 3,085 buses will be commuted to various parts of Telangana, while 950 buses to operate to Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Karnataka.
- Kishore Biyani-led Future Retail has terminated a master franchise agreement with US-based 7-Eleven, that it signed in February 2019 to operate its stores in India.



- Ratings agency Moody's has changed India's sovereign rating outlook to stable from negative. "The decision to change the outlook to stable reflects Moody's view that the downside risks from negative feedback between the real economy and financial system are receding".
- Petrol and diesel prices were hiked for the second consecutive day on Wednesday as international oil prices rose to a seven-year high. With this, fuel rates hit fresh record highs across most parts of India.

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- A Russian actress and a film director have reached the International Space Station to make the first full-length movie in space.
- The 2021 Nobel Prize in Physics has been awarded to Syukuro Manabe, Klaus Hasselmann and Giorgio Parisi. Manabe and Hasselmann won one half of the prize for the physical modelling of Earth's climate and predicting global warming.
- An investigation has found that 2.16 lakh children have been victims of systemic sexual abuse by members of the Catholic clergy in France since 1950, the head of a panel that compiled the report said.
- A toilet dating back more than 2,700 years has been found by Israeli archaeologists in Jerusalem, authorities.
- Taliban spokesperson Suhail Shaheen shared a video on Twitter and said secondary schools in Afghanistan's Kunduz province have now opened for girls.
- Bitcoin price on Tuesday surged above the \$50,000 mark for the first time in four weeks.
- International Monetary Fund's MD Kristalina Georgieva said that "de-facto assets" like Bitcoin aren't backed by assets that hold their value stable, and can rise and fall sharply.
- A UN report published on Tuesday claims that North Korea has continued to pursue its weapons development programmes despite facing a worsening economic situation due to its self-imposed coronavirus blockade.
- More than 220 crore doses of coronavirus vaccines have been administered in China as of October 4, according to the National Health Commission data
- The International Organization for Migration (IOM) said 538 illegal migrants were rescued off the Libyan coast and returned to Libya in the previous week.

