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- The Centre has empowered the BSF to conduct searches, arrest suspects and make seizures up to an area of 50 km inside Indian territory from International Border along India-Pakistan and India-Bangladesh borders.
- PM Narendra Modi, while launching PM GatiShakti - National Master Plan for multi-modal connectivity to economic zones in Delhi, alleged the subject of infrastructure has been far from most political parties' priority.
- Punjab CM Charanjit Singh Channi on Wednesday condemned the Centre's decision that extended BSF's jurisdiction to a 50-km belt along the international border in West Bengal, Assam and Punjab. Channi called this decision an attack on federalism.
- Former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh has been admitted to AIIMS Delhi reportedly with fever and weakness. Several leaders took to Twitter to wish for his speedy recovery.
- Union Minister Ajay Mishra's son Ashish Mishra was on Wednesday denied bail in connection with the Lakhimpur Kheri incident, wherein at least eight people died.
- UP Minister Shrikant Sharma on Wednesday said the government is making arrangements for an adequate supply of electricity.
- A wanted criminal having a cash reward of ₹5,000 on his arrest allegedly shot himself dead while surrounded by police in Rajasthan's Kotputli, officials said.
- Justice Prashant Kumar Mishra took oath as the Chief Justice of Andhra Pradesh High Court on Wednesday. He succeeded Justice Arup Kumar Goswami, who has been transferred as the Chief Justice of the Chhattisgarh High Court.
- Shadnagar Municipal Commissioner D Lavanya has been suspended for failing to ensure sufficient safety measures after two labourers died following the collapse of loose soil at a worksite.
- National Investigation Agency has arrested four terror associates during searches at 16 locations in Jammu and Kashmir's Srinagar, Pulwama and Shopian districts .

- Tata Motors will be investing \$2 billion in its electric vehicle business over the next five years. TPG Rise Climate and Abu Dhabi's ADQ have agreed to invest about \$1 billion in Tata Motors' new EV unit at a valuation of \$9.1 billion
- Amazon secretly exploited internal data from Amazon India's website to copy products sold by other companies, Reuters reported. The company also allegedly boosted sales of its own brands by rigging Amazon's search results.
- Infosys on Wednesday announced it is expanding its college graduates hiring program to 45,000 freshers for 2021-22 "in order to harness the full potential of the market opportunity".

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- The US has overtaken China to become the world's largest Bitcoin mining centre following the crackdown of mining operations in China, data published by Britain's Cambridge Centre for Alternative Finance showed.
- Elon Musk has put up his last remaining house, a Bay Area estate in US' California, for sale again. However, the price of the house, which was taken off the market last month, has been reduced by 15% from \$37.5 million to \$32 million, Zillow records showed.
- Russia's Sputnik Light vaccine shows 70% effectiveness against Delta variant of COVID-19 during the first three months after vaccination, the Russian Direct Investment Fund (RDIF) said citing data from the vaccine's developer.
- The US has said that it'll reopen its land borders with Mexico and Canada to non-essential travellers who are fully vaccinated in November.
- Rumeysa Gelgi, a 24-year-old woman from Turkey, has been named as the tallest living woman by Guinness World Records with a height of 7 feet and 0.7 inches.
- A man armed with a bow and arrow killed five people and wounded two others in a series of attacks in Norway on Wednesday, police said
- Japanese pharmaceutical group Mitsubishi Tanabe Pharma is planning to launch the first-ever plant-based COVID-19 vaccine in the world.
- Child marriage is killing over 60 girls a day globally and six girls a day in South Asia, according to a report by Save the Children. About 22,000 girls are dying every year from pregnancy and childbirth resulting from early marriage, report stated.
- Spain's Defence Ministry has evacuated another 160 Afghans who had initially been left behind following the Taliban takeover of Afghanistan.