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- Mridul Agarwal topped JEE Advanced 2021 exam, while Dhananjay Raman (All Indian Rank 2), Anant Lunia (AIR 3), Ramaswamy Reddy (AIR 4), Sai Lokesh Reddy (AIR 5) were also among top 5 rank-holders.
- Amid the festive season, NITI Aayog member and head of India's COVID-19 task force, Dr VK Paul urged people to not lower guard.
- Punjab Congress in-charge Harish Rawat on Friday said Navjot Singh Sidhu has assured Rahul Gandhi that the former has withdrawn his resignation and will resume his duties as the PPCC chief.
- The Rajasthan government on Friday amended its September order and allowed green crackers in all districts except the NCR area on Diwali, Chhath, Christmas and Gurupurab.
- A day after actress Nora Fatehi was summoned by ED in connection with the ₹200-crore money laundering case against conman Sukesh Chandrashekar, her spokesperson said Fatehi is a victim.
- The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change on Friday said that in the last month, 1,795 stubble burning incidents were reported in Punjab, Haryana and eight NCR districts of Uttar Pradesh.
- One member of the Nihang Sikh order has been arrested by Haryana Police in connection to the killing of a man whose mutilated body was found tied to a police barricade at the Singhu border protest site .
- One person has died and 16 people have been injured after a speeding car ran over a procession of devotees walking to immerse Goddess Durga idol in Chhattisgarh's Jashpur.
- A 24-year-old man allegedly shot his mother and 19-year-old sister dead in Karnataka over food. As per the police, the accused, who has now been arrested, got into a fight with his mother for not making tasty enough sambar.
- World's biggest coal miner Coal India Ltd has temporarily stopped supplying non-power users, Reuters reported on Thursday citing a company official.
- Reliance Brands Limited (RBL) has signed a definitive agreement to invest in founder and creative director Manish Malhotra's MM Styles Private Limited for a 40% stake.

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- RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat in his Dussehra speech said that "uncontrolled currency like Bitcoin has the potential to destabilise the economy".
- Petrol and diesel prices hit fresh all-time highs across most parts of India on Friday after the fuel rates were hiked again. This is the 14th time that petrol price has been hiked in two weeks.
- India's merchandise trade deficit widened to a record \$22.59 billion in September 2021, the highest in at least about 14 years, Reuters.

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- The US government will allow foreign nationals who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 to enter via land and air from November 8 onwards, reports have said quoting White House officials.
 - As per BrokerChooser, a broker discovery & comparison platform, India has the highest number of cryptocurrency owners in the world at 10.07 crore, followed by the US and Russia.
 - The US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) may allow the first US Bitcoin futures exchange-traded fund (ETF) to begin next week.
 - South Korean conglomerate Samsung Electronics has topped the Forbes' World's Best Employers 2021 list. It is followed by America's IBM, Microsoft, Amazon, Apple, Alphabet, Dell Technologies, China's Huawei, America's Adobe and Germany's BMW Group.
 - An explosion hit a Shiite mosque in the Afghan city of Kandahar during Friday prayers, causing heavy casualties, a spokesman of the Taliban government's interior ministry said
 - Britain's 95-year-old monarch Queen Elizabeth was caught on a microphone criticising world leaders' inaction on climate change as she opened the Welsh assembly in Cardiff
 - Four suicide bombers were involved in Friday's attack on a Shiite mosque in Afghanistan's Kandahar, reports have said.
 - Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina said that people involved in the attacks on Hindu temples and Durga Puja pandals "won't be spared".
- Russia on Thursday called on pension-age doctors who quit during the pandemic for safety reasons to return to their jobs amid the COVID-19 surge

