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- India has reported 1,94,720 new COVID-19 cases in the last 24 hours, a jump of 26,657 cases from yesterday.
- Filmmaker Manish Mundra offered financial help to the family of Salil Tripathi, who worked as Zomato delivery boy in Delhi after losing his job as restaurant manager during COVID-19 first wave.
- Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal on Tuesday said that the COVID-19 restrictions will be lifted as cases will decline.
- An avalanche warning has been issued for 24 places in five districts of Himachal Pradesh, including Shimla, Lahaul and Spiti, Kullu, Chamba and Kinnaur by the Snow and Avalanche Study Establishment (SASE).
- A handloom weaver in Telangana has weaved a saree that can be packed in a matchbox.
- The IMD on Tuesday warned about cold wave conditions in isolated pockets over Punjab, Haryana and Chandigarh between January 13 and 15 and over northeast Rajasthan between January 12 and 14 January.
- Pune district reported 6,161 new COVID-19 cases on Tuesday, taking the number of active cases in the district to 28,201. Six people succumbed to the virus.
- Tata Group will replace Chinese mobile manufacturer VIVO as IPL title sponsor from the upcoming season, IPL Chairman Brijesh Patel said.
- The government is looking into a proposal to increase the standard deduction limit available to salaried taxpayers and pensioners by 30-35% in Budget 2022-23, an official from the Finance Ministry told ET.
- India-born businessman BR Shetty, the Founder of Dubai-based NMC Health, has been ordered to pay \$131 million (₹968.5 crore) to Barclays by a London court.
- Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) made recommendations for tackling rising COVID-19 cases in a letter to Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya.



- **Former Finance Secretary Subhash Chandra Garg on Tuesday suggested three laws around three use cases of crypto tech - digital currencies, crypto businesses and crypto assets.**
- **Shares of Paytm parent One97 Communications fell to a record low on Tuesday despite the company reporting a jump in loan disbursals in the December 2021 quarter.**

### INTERNATIONAL

- **Stating that eliminating COVID-19 is unrealistic, top US health expert Anthony Fauci said, "Omicron, with its extraordinary, unprecedented degree of efficiency of transmissibility, will ultimately find just about everybody."**
- **The WHO warned that over 50% of the European population will contract the Omicron COVID-19 variant in 6-8 weeks with the current transmission rates.**
- **North Korea has released a picture showing leader Kim Jong-un officially attending a missile launch for first time in nearly two years.**
- **Israeli Health Ministry has instructed people self-testing for COVID-19 via rapid antigen kits to also swab their throats to increase chances of detecting Omicron variant**
- **The total number of COVID-19 deaths in Poland surpassed 1,00,000, the country's Health Minister Adam Niedzielski said.**
- **Anyang, home to 5.5 million people, has become the latest Chinese city to impose a lockdown after two cases of Omicron variant were detected.**
- **Japanese PM Fumio Kishida said it is deeply regrettable that North Korea launched a suspected ballistic missile earlier today.**
- **British luxury carmaker Rolls-Royce recorded the best annual sales in its 117-year history, CEO Torsten Müller-Otvös said COVID-19 deaths helped spur sales.**
- **Louis Simpson, who helped pick stocks for Berkshire Hathaway's billionaire Chairman Warren Buffett, has died at the age of 85.**
- **London Metal Exchange, which sets global prices for commodities like copper and aluminium, resumed trading on Tuesday after an outage of more than five hours.**

