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- India has reported 2,47,417 new COVID-19 cases in the last 24 hours, a jump of 52,697 cases from yesterday.
- India's top IT company TCS' attrition rate rose to 15.3% in the October-December period from 11.9% in the previous quarter, however, it claimed it's the "lowest in the industry"
- 4,626 beds at COVID-19 care centres in Delhi, 590 (12.75%) are occupied and 4,036 are vacant, as per official data.
- Delhi Health Minister Satyendar Jain said that the number of COVID-19 hospital admissions has stagnated in Delhi and there could be a downturn in the number of cases soon.
- While speaking about the security breach in Punjab, Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma on Wednesday claimed Congress high command and Punjab CM Charanjit Singh Channi "conspired to kill" PM Narendra Modi.
- 20 MBBS students, 10 house surgeons, six PG students and four faculty members in Hyderabad's Gandhi Medical College and Hospital tested positive for COVID-19, the Telangana Junior Doctors Association (TJUDA) said .
- A video has surfaced online, showing a policewoman in Madhya Pradesh's Rewa forcing a man to clean her trousers before slapping him and walking away.
- Amid surge in COVID-19 cases and restrictions imposed by the state government, the Communist Party of India (Marxist) held Thiruvathira celebrations at Parassala in Thiruvananthapuram.
- A third FIR has been registered against Congress leader DK Shivakumar in Karnataka for defying COVID-19 norms by holding a protest march demanding implementation of the Mekedatu project.
- World's richest person Elon Musk has said that he's "still working through a lot of challenges" with the government for Tesla's launch in India.
- Paytm CEO Vijay Shekhar Sharma said that he won't be a shark on the startup reality show Shark Tank.
- The World Economic Forum's (WEF) latest report listed "widespread youth disillusionment" among the top five risks for India.



- The government may seek a valuation of about ₹15 lakh crore for LIC through its IPO, which will be India's biggest-ever, Bloomberg reported citing sources.
- Tata Consultancy Services' revenues rose 12% YoY in Q3 of FY22 to ₹9,769 crore according to the company's exchange filing.

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- The people who are suspected of having COVID-19 are being confined to metal boxes in China, according to videos shared on social media.
- Warning about the rise in COVID-19 cases around the world, WHO's Maria Van Kerkhove tweeted, "Omicron is not mild. Omicron is not flu or the common cold. SARS-CoV-2 is not endemic yet.
- WHO's COVID-19 Technical Lead Maria Van Kerkhove has said that the phrase "Deltacron", which suggests that people have been infected with both the Delta and Omicron variants of COVID-19, "is not really a thing".
- The consumer price inflation in the US jumped in December 2021 at its fastest year-over-year pace since June 1982, the US Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. Inflation rose 7% in December 2021 from the same month a year ago, up from 6.8% in November.
- Simon Bramhall, a UK surgeon who admitted branding his initials on two patients' livers during organ transplant in 2013, has been barred from practising medicine.
- Yahoo Japan has told its 8,000 employees that they can work from anywhere and can even be flown into work when needed.
- Infosys on Wednesday announced that it has expanded its college graduate hiring program by 10,000 to over 55,000 for 2021-22 to support its "growth ambitions".
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- Baltic nations are in talks with NATO allies about increasing military deployments on their soil in a bid to deter Russia, Estonian PM Kaja Kallas has said. Baltic countries include Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, which are members of NATO and EU and were once part of erstwhile Soviet Union.
- French President Emmanuel Macron on Tuesday said that those spreading fake news should be held accountable.

