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Title: LIVE: Vaccination centres in Agra report shortage of Covid-19 vaccines

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Global fatalities from the coronavirus disease (Covid-19) crossed 3 million as the relentless pace of death continued unabated despite vaccination efforts. In the United States, authorities have administered 200 million doses of the Covid-19 vaccine as the roll out picks up pace. Agra reported shortage of Covid-19 vaccines at vaccination centres on Saturday. Jharkhand reports 3838 new Covid-19 cases, 37152 discharges and 30 deaths on Saturday. The hospital is treating patients of the coronavirus disease. Maharashtra on Saturday registered yet another highest single-day spike in its daily tally of the coronavirus disease (Covid-19) with 67,123 new cases in the last 24 hours, according to the state health department's bulletin. Mizoram on Saturday recorded 62 fresh cases of the Covid-19 disease taking the caseload to 4,809, an official told news agency PTI. Jammu and Kashmir lieutenant governor Manoj Sinha said on Saturday exams of class 11 have been postponed in the Union Territory in view of the prevailing coronavirus disease (Covid-19) situation. 95% of Mumbaikars are adhering to Covid-19 restrictions. SARS-CoV-2, the virus which causes the coronavirus disease (Covid-19), is predominantly transmitted through the air, according to a new study published in The Lancet journal.

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2.

Title: PM Modi says 'Kumbh Mela should now only be symbolic to strengthen Covid-19 fight'

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Amid a huge number of people testing positive from the Kumbh Mela area in Haridwar, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday morning urged that the weeks-long religious festival "should now only be symbolic" amid an unprecedented surge in Covid-19 cases. The Prime Minister's appeal comes in the wake of nearly 2,000 devotees testing

positive for Covid-19 at Kumbh Mela in Haridwar in around a week's time. In another tweet, PM Modi said, "Now that two royal baths have taken place, I appeal to everyone to keep Kumbh Mela symbolic due to the coronavirus crisis. After PM Modi's appeal, Swami Avdheshanand urged people to not come to Kumbh for bathing in large numbers and follow rules. I request the people to not come for snan in large numbers, in the wake of COVID19 situation, and follow all rules," he wrote on Twitter. A Hindu seer has died from Covid-19 and 80 other holy men have tested positive for the deadly virus after attending Kumbh where millions of pilgrims have been ignoring the norms despite a surge in cases. Many seers have tested positive after the commencement of Kumbh Mela, including Akhil Bharatiya Akhada Parishad president Mahant Narendra Giri, who is admitted at the All India Institute Of Medical Sciences in Rishikesh. Mahamandaleswar of Maha Nirwani Akhada from Madhya Pradesh Swami Kapil Dev, who had tested positive for Covid-19, died at a hospital four days ago. Haridwar Kumbh Mela medical office has said that 68 seers have tested positive for Covid-19 between 5 to 14 April. Over the past few days, as many as 2167 people were found positive for coronavirus in Haridwar -- the place where the month-long Kumbh is going on.

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3.

Title: Live updates: Gujarat reports 9,541 new Covid-19 positive cases, 97 deaths

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cases of Covid-19, highest ever single day rise in infections. The state also recorded 37 deaths, highest ever single day mortality so far. Madhya Pradesh govt directs all district collectors to quarantine people returning from Kumbh Mela.

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4.

Title: India Scrambles to Stem COVID-19 Tide as New Cases Continue to Surge

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India's response to its new COVID-19 epidemic is going through an inflexion. Bengaluru: India's response to its new COVID-19 epidemic is going through an inflexion. Next, Brazil's vaccine regulator Anvisa said Bharat Biotech wasn't following good manufacturing practices to make Covaxin, the 'Made in India' vaccine in the country's two-vaccine inoculation campaign. Supporters of the government rose in its defence but the presence of problems was unmistakable, calling into question why India's vaccine regulator didn't notice them. After admitting the country was producing oxygen for COVID-19 patients at full capacity for two days, the Union health ministry said it was going to import 50,000 metric tonnes of the gas. "Even before Modi's sudden realisation that attendance at the Kumbh could worsen the COVID-19 situation in India," The Wire wrote, "other religious bodies had decided to call it quits. New variants of the novel coronavirus and a national population that for the most part has slunk back into complacency have started taking the Indian government's plans apart at the seams. In the 24 hours until the morning of April 17, India reported 2.34 lakh new COVID-19 cases, extending its "more cases than before" streak into its ninth day. A report published by The Lancet COVID-19 Commission's India task force states that "the geographic contours of the second wave closely mirror those of the first wave, though with a deeper penetration into tier 2 and tier 3 cities." The authors also noted that the second wave has been more "geographically clustered": "The number of districts comprising the top 50% has dropped from over 40 at the time of the last peak, to less than 20 currently". For example, according to Times of India, the country's four worst-hit cities are in Maharashtra; the next two are Lucknow and Bengaluru.

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5.

Title: Covid-19: What you need to know today

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Is a small brown pill the answer to India's sudden surge of coronavirus disease (Covid-19, although it seems strange to call it that in 2021) cases? There are generic versions of the drug available in India — including Cipla's Antiflu — which isn't surprising. India's pharmaceutical industry thrives on generic versions of small molecule drugs; the country's vaccine makers have received a lot of attention over the past year, but India has even more expertise in small molecule drugs than it does in vaccines. But, as a surging second wave threatens to overwhelm the health infrastructure in most large Indian cities — most, reports suggest, have already been overwhelmed — it's difficult not to think of what might have been if a small molecule therapeutic prophylactic drug for Covid-19 was available. Sure, there's remdesivir, made affordable by India's generics companies, and expensive by a thriving black market, but most research studies have shown the drug to be largely ineffective in the treatment of the viral disease. There are also Regeneron's cocktail of monoclonal antibodies that works well, but the drug is far too expensive, and has also not been approved for sale in India. But there's the brown pill. Molnupiravir works by messing with the genetic code of the virus, causing a slight alteration in its RNA as it replicates, a process that eventually leaves the virus powerless or ineffective. Instead, he added, there was an opportunity in small molecules (also Cipla's speciality). Even as India enhances supply of and access to vaccines, and even as several states impose lockdown-like restrictions (without calling them that), the health ministry should work with Merck and Cipla, and also with any other company which has a Covid small molecule in late-stage trials to facilitate local trials, and, if they are successful, accelerate a local launch.

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