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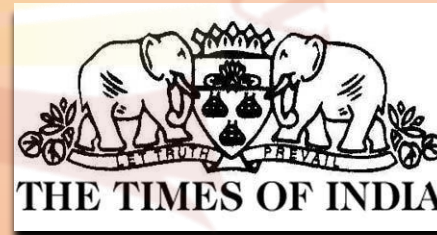
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• With all the restrictions in the past couple of weeks, the efforts of officials have finally shown their results with Karnataka recording as low as 31,198 cases in 24 hours, this is a great achievement from the past couple of days where the state recorded a whopping over 50,000 fresh cases in 24 hours, the third wave of the covid may be on the path of decline however cutting slack right now will turn out to be detrimental, there is still much work to accomplish and much lower targets to achieve in order to get through the third wave in as little time as we possibly could. With the lower number of cases logged the total active cases in the state are now at 2,88,767 with 71,092 recoveries in 24 hours. 50 deaths have been reported out of which 8 are from Bengaluru, the total positivity as of now stands at 20.91%.

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• Airtel to gets an investment of \$1 billion from Google, the tech giant and the most innovative company ever, Google has decided to invest in Airtel with \$1 billion to pick up 1.28% stakes in the company, the investment will comprise over \$700 million equity investment in Bharti Airtel at the price of Rs. 734 per share and \$300 million towards implementing commercial agreements. With this Airtel will be able to execute and improve its 5G tech, with better precision and better reliability of connections, the overall investment will help the company to bring affordable smartphones into the market and affordable mobile services as both the entities have agreed for a long-term agreement. Mr. Sunil Bharti Mittal the chairman of Bharti Airtel stated that both Airtel and Google share the same vision to help grow the nation's digital dividend through innovative products, with the future-ready network technology and the flagship google's platform both companies look forward to working closely to help improve India's digital ecosystem.

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- Philippines signed a \$374.96 million deal with BrahMos Aerospace for the supply of shore-based anti-ship variants of BrahMos cruise missile, making the 1st export order of the joint product between India and Russia, the contract was signed by Defence Secretary of Philippines Delfin Lorenzana and Director General of BrahMos Atul Dinkar Rane. The deal includes delivery of 3 batteries, training for operators, maintainers and providing the necessary Integrated Logistics Support package, the coastal defence regiment of Philippine Marines will be the primary employer of the missile systems. The BrahMos is a joint product between Russia and India, the original range of the missile was 290 kilometres however with the entry of India the missile range has been improved and extended to 600 kilometres.

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• In order to boost Maritime Security ALH MK III Aircraft has been inducted at INS Utkrosh at Port Blair, the indigenous advanced light helicopter was formally inducted on 28 January at INS Utkrosh by Commander in chief Lieutenant General Ajai Singh, manufactured by HAL the ALH MK III Aircraft comprises of shakti engines, advanced maritime patrol radar, electro-optical payload and night vision device that will help in maintaining the country's maritime security. Capable of undergoing maritime surveillance, support for special forces, medical evacuations, the ALH MK III Aircraft is one top-notch machine. With over 300 aircraft delivered by HAL and among them MK III variant being equipped with state of the art sensors and weapons the aircraft will help in several maritime operations.

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## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q1. Who is the chairman of Bharti Airtel?**

**Ans.**

**A. Sunil Mittal (ANS)**

B. Hemant Gupta

C. Ankur Sharma

D. Jaswinder Singh

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