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- Madhya Pradesh minister and independent MLA Pradeep Jaiswal on Wednesday said he is with Chief Minister Kamal Nath as long as the latter is in power, but all his options will be open in case the 14-month-old Congress government falls.
- The pet dog of a coronavirus patient in Hong Kong was confirmed to be infected with the disease, in a likely case of human-to-animal transmission, authorities said on Wednesday.
- West Bengal Chief Minister and Trinamool Congress leader Mamata Banerjee on Wednesday publicly rebuked her party leaders by name for factional feuds and not going to rural areas, as she tried to tone up the party ahead of the municipal elections in a region where it has been traditionally weak.
- In a swipe at the BJP at the centre, Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray on Wednesday wondered if demonetisation, which had an impact on the economy, shouldn't have found a mention in subsequent national budgets.
- Shelves are being stripped bare of toilet rolls, hand sanitiser and surgical masks everywhere from Japan to France to the United States as panic buying criss-crosses the globe with the coronavirus, defying repeated calls for calm and disrupting supply chains.
- Amid coronavirus scare, Telangana police on Thursday made an appeal to the people not to spread rumours on social media pertaining to the deadly virus. The officials further stated that those found guilty will be charged.
- US President Donald Trump complained Wednesday that anti-coronavirus measures are leaving him out of touch - with his own face. Trump spoke at a White House meeting with airline executives and

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administration officials on sanitary measures taken to try and stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

- The trade impact of the coronavirus epidemic for India is estimated to be about \$ 348 million and the country figures among the top 15 economies most affected as slowdown of manufacturing in China disrupts world trade, according to a United Nations report.