

Morning News Script

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Union Home Minister Amit Shah yesterday said government has made special provisions to exclude all tribal communities from the ambit of the Uniform Civil Code (UCC), ensuring that their rights are fully protected. Addressing the Janjati Sanskritik Samagam in New Delhi, Mr Shah said the UCC will not infringe upon any tribal rights. The Home Minister also said that the tribal welfare budget, which stood at 28 thousand crore rupees during the Congress-led government, has been increased to one lakh 50 thousand crore rupees under the Narendra Modi government.

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External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar has said that India and the United States have a strong interest in combating terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. Addressing the gathering at 250th Independence Day celebration of the United States in New Delhi yesterday, Dr Jaishankar said that India and US must always be clear about zero tolerance for terrorism, and that is why their counter terrorism cooperation is so important. He said that both nations have a common interest in de-risking the global economy and providing the world with more choices. The External Affairs Minister said that many convergences make both nations effective strategic partners in multiple domains.

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Mentioning the visit of US Secretary of State and NSA Marco Rubio, Dr Jaishankar said, this visit, highlights the significance of India-US ties in contemporary times. He added that a year ago, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US President Donald

Trump set out a pathway for the further development of both nation's enduring partnership.

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President Droupadi Murmu will present Padma Awards for the year 2026 at the civil investiture ceremony to be held in Ganatantra Mandap of the Rashtrapati Bhawan today. In the first civil investiture to be held today , the President will confer 66 Padma Awards including 2 Padma Vibhushan, 6 Padma Bhushan and 58 Padma Shri. Four individuals from Northeast are among the 66 awardees. The remaining Padma Awards will be given in the second round of the civil investiture ceremony to be held later.

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The National Testing Agency (NTA) has postponed the Common University Entrance Test Undergraduate (CUET UG) 2026 examinations scheduled for 28th of this month. NTA said that this decision was taken in view of the change in the date of the Id-ul-Zuha (Bakrid) holiday as per the Government notification.

V/C NTA:

The agency informed that revised exam dates for affected candidates will be announced soon. Candidates are further advised to take note of the above and act accordingly. NTA also advised candidates to regularly visit its official website for the latest updates. For any queries or clarifications, candidates may contact the NTA helpdesk at 0 1 1-4 0 7 5 9 0 0 0 or email at [cueta-uginta.ac.in.](mailto:cueta-uginta.ac.in)

Meanwhile, the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has also extended the last date for obtaining scanned photocopies of answer books for Class 12 board examinations by one more day, until today. CBSE said that the decision was taken to provide adequate time to students for submitting requests.

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Nagaland Governor Nand Kishore Yadav has expressed profound grief and deep sorrow over the demise of Mrs. Khotuo-ü, wife of former Nagaland Chief Minister Shürhozelie Liezietsu, who passed away in Guwahati. In a condolence message, the Governor described Mrs. Khotuo-ü as a graceful and respected mother figure whose kindness, warmth and gentle nature touched the lives of many people. At this moment of immense sorrow, Governor Kishore extended his heartfelt condolences to Dr. Shürhozelie Liezietsu and the bereaved family. The Governor wished that the Almighty grant them strength, comfort and peace during this difficult time,” He also prayed for the eternal peace of the departed soul.

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The Government has advised all Indian citizens to avoid non-essential travel to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Uganda, and South Sudan until further notice, in view of the evolving Ebola Outbreak situation. It also directed Indian citizens currently residing in or travelling to these countries to strictly follow public health guidance issued by local authorities and maintain heightened precautions. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare informed that India has not reported any case of Ebola Disease. Earlier, the World Health Organization (WHO) had declared Ebola Outbreak a Public Health Emergency of International Concern following the reported outbreaks of Ebola Disease in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Uganda. Ebola Disease is a viral haemorrhagic fever caused by infection with the Bundibugyo virus strain of Ebola Virus.

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