

Morning News Script

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In a significant move, the Leaders' Declaration at the ongoing BRICS Summit in Rio de Janeiro in Brazil, has condemned in the strongest terms the terrorist attack in Jammu and Kashmir of April 22, which killed 26 people. The BRICS leaders reaffirmed their commitment to combat terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, including the cross-border movement of terrorists, terrorism financing and safe havens. It has urged to ensure zero tolerance for terrorism and reject double standards in countering terrorism. The issue of the menace of terrorism was raised by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the session on Peace and Security. He said there should be no hesitation in imposing sanctions against terrorists. He added, condemnation of terrorism must be a principle, not a mere convenience. Mr Modi also reaffirmed that India stands for dialogue and diplomacy to resolve conflicts and achieve global peace.

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Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio is currently on an official visit to Japan. On his arrival yesterday, Mr Rio and his delegation were warmly received by the Ambassador of India to Japan, Sibi George. Mr Rio is accompanied by Advisor to the Chief Minister Abu Metha, and Advisor for Industries and Commerce, Hekani Jakhalu. The visit aims to strengthen bilateral ties and explore opportunities for collaboration in various sectors.

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Union Cooperation Minister Amit Shah has emphasized the vital role of cooperative societies in driving the country's economic development. Mr. Shah was speaking after inaugurating various development works of Amul and the National Dairy Development Board at Anand in Gujarat, on the occasion of completion of four years of the Ministry of Cooperation yesterday.

The Union Minister also urged cooperative sector leaders to make transparency, technology and the interest of its members high up in their "work culture" to achieve success.

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At least three people have reportedly died of electrocution in Dimapur as relentless rains continue to cause widespread flooding across Nagaland. Two men were electrocuted in Kuda village yesterday morning, while, a woman in Police Colony died while trying to disconnect a flooded inverter. With heavy downpours over the weekend, residents in low-lying areas have been forced to evacuate. In Dimapur, Vilhume Colony, Kuda Village, United Colony, LRC Colony, Netaji Colony, Burma Camp, Aoyimti Village, Padumpukhuri, Purana Bazaar, Zeliangrong Colony, and Sachu Colony were among the most affected. State Disaster Response Force personnel, equipped with boats, have been working to rescue stranded residents and move them to safer locations. Sections of National Highway-29 witnessed mudslides and slush-induced blockages, causing traffic disruptions. Meanwhile, all commercial flights operating at the state's lone Dimapur Airport were cancelled on Sunday due to adverse weather condition.

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Kevilekho Zumvü secured his eighth state title on Saturday, winning the 21st Nagaland State Chess Championship 2025 in Kohima. Mr Zumvü won a cash prize of 30,000 rupees, a trophy and citations. Hailamgumbe Hai Kube came second and received a cash award of 20,000 rupees. Salhuto Nyekha and Mughaho Awomi finished third and fourth, respectively. Declaring the results, Chief Arbiter Vekukho Soho announced that the top four players would represent Nagaland at the 62nd National Chess Championship.

In the age-group categories, Jitiho Nyekha from Touch of Hope School claimed the Under-14 title, while Otsi Tunyi and Maongkar Ozukum, both from Northfield School, won the Under-10 and Under-7 categories. Choli Tunyi was named Best Female Player.

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Nominations for the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar 2025 are currently ongoing. The prestigious national-level award is conferred every year by the President of India to recognize the exceptional achievements of children across the country in Bravery, Social Service, Environment, Sports, Art and Culture, and Science and Technology. Applicants can apply through the National Awards Portal at awards.gov.in. Any child who is an Indian citizen residing in India, aged 5 years and not exceeding 18 years as of 31st July 2025, is eligible for these awards. The last date for submission of nominations is 31st July.