

Indian state implements common civil code

AFP, Dehradun

An Indian state announced yesterday it had begun implementing a common civil code to replace religious laws, stoking fear among minority Muslims of a looming nationwide rollout by the Hindu-nationalist ruling party.

Introduction of a Uniform Civil Code (UCC) to replace India's patchwork of laws on marriage, divorce and inheritance has been a longstanding goal of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

The northern state of Uttarakhand, taking in much of the Indian Himalayas, yesterday became just the second Indian state to implement such a law.

Goa is the only part of the country that already had a common civil code -- introduced when it was still a Portuguese colony.



A United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) convoy drives through a Lebanese army checkpoint in Burj al-Mulik, as residents of the southern Lebanese village of Kfarkila gather in an effort to return to their homes yesterday. Israeli fire killed one person and wounded seven others in the south of Lebanon yesterday. PHOTO: AFP

Trump's promise of mass deportations ramps up

Nearly 1,000 arrests in a day

CNN ONLINE

The Trump administration launched an immigration enforcement blitz nationwide Sunday that included multiple federal agencies and resulted in the arrest of nearly 1,000 people, according to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

The apprehensions are part of an effort to amass a larger enforcement apparatus by pulling in a range of federal agencies that have been granted extended immigration authority under the Trump administration. ICE agents were joined Sunday by officials from multiple Justice Department agencies as they targeted what they said are public safety and national security threats. White House 'border czar' Tom Homan called Sunday's enforcement actions in Chicago "a good day" and a "game changer" in an interview with CNN.



Nordics united on defence issues

Says Danish PM as President Trump ratchets up Greenland bid

AFP, Copenhagen

Nordic leaders met on the weekend and reiterated they are united on defence issues, Denmark's Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen said, as her country reels from US President Donald Trump's attempts to take over Greenland.

Frederiksen said she met regional counterparts on Sunday to discuss defence and security and they all "shared the gravity of the situation", without mentioning the autonomous Danish territory by name.

Trump has been talking about a possible deal for years and told reporters on Saturday he believed the US would "get Greenland", which he has insisted his country needs for "international security".

The island is strategically located between the US and Europe, as melting ice in the Arctic opens up new shipping routes.

Officials in the territory, which depends heavily on Denmark for subsidies and is believed to hold massive untapped mineral and oil reserves, are pushing for independence while saying they are open to doing business with the US. But they have repeatedly said their land is not for sale.

"The Nordic countries have always stood together," Frederiksen wrote on social media on Sunday evening, posting a photograph of her hosting a dinner in her home with the leaders of Finland, Norway and Sweden.

"And faced with the new and more unpredictable reality that lies ahead, close and good alliances and friendships are increasingly important." Last week, a day after Trump was sworn in, Greenland Prime Minister Mute Egede insisted Greenlanders "don't want to be American".

In mid-January, Frederiksen reportedly spoke to Trump by telephone, stressing that it was up to Greenland to determine its own fate.

According to European sources cited by the Financial Times, Danish officials described the conversation as "horrendous", and that Trump's interest in Greenland was "serious, and potentially very dangerous".



'We will rid Delhi of all illegals'

Says India's interior minister Amit Shah

AFP, New Delhi

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's closest political ally has pledged to rid the capital of "illegal" immigrants if his party wins looming elections, in a forceful appeal to his party's Hindu constituency.

Interior minister Amit Shah said every unlawful migrant from neighbouring Bangladesh would be expelled from New Delhi "within two years" if his party succeeded in next month's provincial polls.

"The current state government is giving space to illegal Bangladeshis and Rohingyas," Shah told an audience of several thousand at Sunday's rally. "Change the government and we will rid Delhi of all illegals."

India shares a porous border stretching thousands of kilometres with Muslim-majority Bangladesh, and illegal migration from its eastern neighbour has been a hot-button political issue for decades.

There are no reliable estimates of the number of Bangladeshis living illegally in Delhi, a city to which millions have flocked in search of employment from elsewhere in India over recent decades.

India, China agree to resume direct air services

REUTERS, Beijing

India and China have agreed to resume direct air services between the two countries, New Delhi said in a statement yesterday after Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri visited Beijing and held talks with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi.

Their meeting was the latest between the two Asian powers following an agreement in October seeking to ease tension on their disputed frontier.

China and India should work in the same direction, explore more substantive measures and commit to mutual understanding, Wang Yi told Misri in Beijing.

China and India should commit to "mutual support and mutual achievement" rather than "suspicion" and "alienation," Wang said during the two officials' meeting, according to the Chinese foreign ministry's readout.

Relations between China and India had been strained following a military

clash on their border in 2020.

Ties have improved over the past four months with several high-level meetings, including talks between Chinese President Xi Jinping and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Russia in October.

In December, Wang and India's national security adviser, Ajit Doval, agreed to seek ways to manage their border issue and step up efforts to build trust, at their second meeting in less than five months.

Paving the way for those talks was an agreement in October to disengage troops at two key face-off points on the countries' largely undemarcated western Himalayan frontier in Ladakh.

Meanwhile, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US President Donald Trump spoke in a phone call yesterday, Modi said in a post on X, the first conversation between the two leaders since Trump's inauguration last week.

Modi speaks to Trump over phone

REUTERS, New Delhi

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"We are committed to a mutually beneficial and trusted partnership," Modi said in the post, adding that he also congratulated his "dear friend" on his historic second term in office.

"We will work together for the welfare of our people and towards global peace, prosperity, and security," Modi said. The United States is India's largest trading partner.

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1	1066892 (Goods-OTM)	Procurement of 195,000 (One Hundred and Ninety-Five) M.T. Rice Premix Kernel for FFP of Dhaka Division. (33 LSDs of 33 Upazilas)	23-January-2025; 5:00 PM 17-February-2025; 10:00 AM	64 23/01/2025
2	1066893 (Goods-OTM)	Procurement of 192,000 (One Hundred and Ninety-Two) M.T. Rice Premix Kernel for FFP of Chattogram Division. (66 LSDs of 66 Upazilas)	23-January-2025; 5:00 PM 17-February-2025; 10:00 AM	65 23/01/2025
3	1066894 (Goods-OTM)	Procurement of 226,000 (Two Hundred and Twenty-Six) M.T. Rice Premix Kernel for FFP of Rajshahi Division. (34 LSDs of 34 Upazilas)	23-January-2025; 5:00 PM 17-February-2025; 10:00 AM	66 23/01/2025
4	1066895 (Goods-OTM)	Procurement of 128,000 (One Hundred and Twenty-Eight) M.T. Rice Premix Kernel for FFP of Khulna Division. (33 LSDs of 33 Upazilas)	23-January-2025; 5:00 PM 17-February-2025; 10:00 AM	67 23/01/2025
5	1066896 (Goods-OTM)	Procurement of 152,000 (One Hundred and Fifty-Two) M.T. Rice Premix Kernel for FFP of Barishal Division. (25 LSDs of 25 Upazilas)	26-January-2025; 5:00 PM 17-February-2025; 10:00 AM	68 26/01/2025
6	1066897 (Goods-OTM)	Procurement of 80,000 (Eighty) M.T. Rice Premix Kernel for FFP of Sylhet Division. (22 LSDs of 22 Upazilas)	23-January-2025; 5:00 PM 17-February-2025; 10:00 AM	69 23/01/2025
7	1066898 (Goods-OTM)	Procurement of 220,000 (Two Hundred and Twenty) M.T. Rice Premix Kernel for FFP of Rangpur Division. (25 LSDs of 25 Upazilas)	23-January-2025; 5:00 PM 17-February-2025; 10:00 AM	70 23/01/2025
8	1066899 (Goods-OTM)	Procurement of 183,000 (One Hundred and Eighty-Three) M.T. Rice Premix Kernel for FFP of Mymensingh Division. (18 LSDs of 18 Upazilas)	23-January-2025; 5:00 PM 17-February-2025; 10:00 AM	71 23/01/2025

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SI	Tender ID	Name of Tender	Last Selling and Closing Date & Time
1	1064990	Supply and Delivery of 10 Nos. 33 KV and 15 Nos. 11 KV ACR (automatic circuit recloser) at different Store in WZPDCL.	24-Feb-2025 11:00;BST 24-Feb-2025 13:00BST

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