

**International
News**

Forum to protest against 'atrocities' on tribals in Bangladesh Hills

Students Association pledge support to agitation, to join demonstrations Chakma outfit to stage protest today.
A forum representing the indigenous Chakmas condemned the recent attacks on tribal residents allegedly by Bengali settlers in the Chittagong Hill Tracts of Bangladesh. The Chakma National Council of India will stage protests on Thursday.

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Looking ill; not bright

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A trick

**Business
News**

RBI's decision to hold interest rates reveals rift with Centre

The decision by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to keep the policy repo rate unchanged, shrugging off a sharp deceleration in retail inflation, brought to the fore clear signs that the Centre and RBI are not seeing eye-to-eye on interest rates.
Addressing a customary post-monetary policy press conference on Wednesday, RBI Governor Urjit Patel told the media that the members of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) had declined an invitation to meet with Finance Ministry officials ahead of the policy review.
"The meeting did not take place," Mr. Patel said, when asked whether such meetings could undermine the central bank's autonomy and hurt the credibility of the MPC. "All the MPC members declined the request of the finance ministry for that meeting," he said.

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Make small lines

laconic

Brief and to the point; effectively cut short

**National
News**

U.S. indicates open-ended commitment in Afghanistan

The U.S. will keep its military engagement in Afghanistan open-ended, Secretary of Defence James Mattis and Secretary of State Rex Tillerson have indicated. Speaking in Sydney on Tuesday, where the senior officials of the Trump administration attended the Australia-U.S. Ministerial Consultations, the Secretaries said the U.S. would not allow Afghanistan to be a safe haven for terrorism. "We can never allow Afghanistan to become a platform for terrorism to operate from," said Mr. Tillerson. Making the point more emphatic, Mr. Mattis added: "...the bottom line is we're not going to surrender civilisation to people who cannot win at the ballot box," referring to the Taliban.

insipid

Lacking taste or flavor

pragmatic

Concerned with practical matters