Amit Shah presents President's Colours to Arunachal Pradesh Police

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News

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah is on a visit to Arunachal Pradesh that began on 20 November 2026 (PTI). On Saturday, 21 November 2026, he presented the 'President's Police Colour' to the Arunachal Pradesh Police at the parade ground of the Police Training Centre (PTC), Banderdewa, near Itanagar (UNI, PTI). Chief Minister Pema Khandu, Union Minister Kiren Rijiju and DGP Rajesh Kumar attended. Shah also handed appointment letters to more than 900 newly recruited police personnel (PTI). Pointing to the State's 1,863-km international border – 1,126 km with China, 520 km with Myanmar and 217 km with Bhutan – he urged the police to act as a 'protective barrier' against drug trafficking. The inauguration of a National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) battalion campus was also on his itinerary (UNI). The President's Colour ('Rashtrapati ka Nishan') is the highest honour given to a unit or a police force, for at least 25 years of exceptional service (DT Next).

Key facts for the exam

Point	Details
Event	President's Colours to Arunachal Pradesh Police
Date	21 November 2026
Earlier in 2026	Puducherry (Aug), Chandigarh (1 Nov), Uttarakhand (6 Nov) police

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Venue	Police Training Centre, Banderdewa (near Itanagar)
Presented by	Union Home Minister Amit Shah
Chief Minister	Pema Khandu
Other events	Appointment letters to 900+ police recruits
Arunachal Police Raising Day	8 November (53rd in 2025)
First service to get it	Indian Navy – 27 May 1951
Tamil Nadu Police	31 July 2022, Chennai

Background

- President's Colour – history: the Indian Navy was the first of India's armed forces to receive it, from the then President Dr Rajendra Prasad on 27 May 1951 (Defence Ministry – PIB). Since then naval commands, training establishments, many State police forces and central forces have received it; in 2026 Amit Shah also presented it to the Puducherry (August) and Chandigarh (1 November) police (DD News), and the Uttarakhand Police received it at Dehradun on 6 November – the 16th State police to do so (All India Radio).
- Polity: 'public order' (Entry 1) and 'police' (Entry 2) are in the State List of the Seventh Schedule, so policing is a State subject. Article 371H (55th Amendment, 1986), the special provision for Arunachal Pradesh, gives the Governor special responsibility for law and order in the State; after consulting the Council of Ministers, the Governor acts in his individual judgment.
- History and geography: the region, earlier the North-East Frontier Agency (NEFA), became the Union Territory of Arunachal Pradesh on 20 January 1972 under the North-Eastern Areas (Reorganisation) Act, 1971; it became a State on 20 February 1987 (Outlook). Its capital is Itanagar. The State borders Bhutan, China and Myanmar. Banderdewa, on the Assam border, is the gateway to Itanagar.
- Disaster management: the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) was set up under the Disaster Management Act, 2005, and works under the Home Ministry. A battalion campus in the earthquake-, landslide- and flood-prone north-eastern hills will speed up rescue work.

Tamil Nadu link: On 31 July 2022 Vice-President M. Venkaiah Naidu presented the President's Colours to the Tamil Nadu Police at Rajarathinam Stadium, Chennai; CM M.K. Stalin received them and handed them to DGP C. Sylendra Babu. The honour had been announced for the Tamil Nadu Police back in 2009 (DT Next, PTI). The Madras police department was set up in 1856 and the Madras District Police Act (Act XXIV of 1859) followed (PTI).

Frequently asked questions

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Practice questions (with answers)

1. Which of India's armed forces was the first to receive the President's Colour, in 1951?

A) Indian Army

B) Indian Navy

C) Indian Air Force

D) Assam Rifles

Answer: B – Explanation: The Indian Navy – on 27 May 1951, from President Dr Rajendra Prasad (PIB).

2. Who presented the President's Colours to the Tamil Nadu Police in Chennai in July 2022?

A) Ram Nath Kovind

B) Droupadi Murmu

C) Amit Shah

D) M. Venkaiah Naidu

Answer: D – Explanation: Vice-President Venkaiah Naidu – 31 July 2022, Rajarathinam Stadium; the honour was announced in 2009.

3. Under Article 371H, who has special responsibility for law and order in Arunachal Pradesh?

A) Governor

B) Chief Minister

C) Union Home Minister

D) State DGP

Answer: A – Explanation: The Governor – acts in his individual judgment after consulting the ministers; 55th Amendment, 1986.

4. 'Police' and 'public order' are placed in which list of the Seventh Schedule?

A) State List

B) Union List

C) Concurrent List

D) Residuary powers

Answer: A – Explanation: State List – public order is Entry 1 and police Entry 2, so policing is a State subject.

5. Before it was renamed Arunachal Pradesh in 1972, the region was known as:

A) Lushai Hills

B) Naga Hills–Tuensang

C) NEFA

D) Khasi Hills

Answer: C – Explanation: NEFA (North-East Frontier Agency) – a UT on 20 Jan 1972, a State on 20 Feb 1987. Lushai Hills became Mizoram.

Sources: DD News – ddnews.gov.in; All India Radio – newsonair.gov.in; UNI; PTI (ThePrint, Outlook); PIB / MHA; PIB (Ministry of Defence); Arunachal Raj Bhavan; DT Next; Constitution of India – legislative.gov.in; indiacode.nic.in. © Shanmugam IAS Academy.