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India is in close and constant touch with its nationals in Bangladesh through its diplomatic missions amid unrest in the neighbouring country. Around 19 thousand Indian nationals are presently in Bangladesh, including 9000 students. In a suo moto statement in the Rajya Sabha over the situation in Bangladesh this afternoon, External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar said the bulk of the students have already returned to India last month on the advice of the High Commission in Dhaka. Dr Jaishankar informed the Upper House that New Delhi is monitoring the situation with regard to the status of minorities.

Union Minister of Labour and Employment Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya today directed the implementation of the Employment-Linked Incentive (ELI) Scheme in a mission mode. The Union Minister said that the Government is committed to creating a sustainable and inclusive employment ecosystem. Meanwhile, the ELI Scheme aims to create over two crore jobs in the country in a period of two years.

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitaraman today clarified that minimum balance is not required for PM Jandhan accounts and basic savings bank deposit accounts. She was replying to supplementaries during question hour in Rajya Sabha over charges recovered by various banks from account holders for non-maintenance of minimum balance.

Director General of Border Security Force (BSF) Daljit Singh Chaudhary made a visit to the Indo-Bangladesh border in the North 24 Parganas district of West Bengal today. Meanwhile, in view of the situation in Bangladesh, the BSF has issued an alert along the Indo-Bangladesh border to ensure enhanced security.

The first National Space Day will be held on 23rd of this month to honour the success of the Chandrayaan-3 mission. The Government of India is launching a month-long campaign to highlight the remarkable achievements of India's space missions and to inspire the nation's youth. The theme for this year's celebration is "Touching Lives while Touching the Moon: India's Space Saga". To mark National Space Day, various stakeholders will organize pan-India events to celebrate and engage the public.

The Meteorological Centre Itanagar (MCA) today forecasted that East Kameng and Papum Pare districts are in orange alert zone and will receive thunderstorm with lightning and heavy rainfall very likely at isolated places. Meanwhile, except for Anjaw, Dibang Valley, Lower Dibang Valley, Lower Siang, East Siang, Leparada, West Siang, Siang, Kraa Daadi and Tawang districts, all remaining districts are in yellow zone alert. These districts will receive thunderstorm with lightning very likely at isolated places.

The High Commission of India in London has issued a travel advisory for Indian citizens planning to visit the United Kingdom, following violent protests and clashes in some parts of the country. The advisory urges travellers to remain vigilant and exercise caution while traveling within the UK. The High Commission has advised Indian visitors to stay informed by following local news and security advisories issued by local authorities.

An awareness programme under 'Stop Diarrhoea Campaign & the Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain' initiative was held yesterday at Government Secondary School in Lipu, Likabali division in Lower Siang district. The initiative was aimed to educate the students about the diarrhoea prevention and promote effective water management practices amongst them.

About 45 girl students will be given free coaching for the preparation of upcoming Arunachal Pradesh Staff Selection Board (APSSB) examination this year, following 'Beti Bachao, Beti padhao' initiative in Changlang district. Meanwhile, the program was started by Deputy Director, Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) S Longling.

The East Siang police have arrested two drug peddlers from Ayeng village in Mebo Sub division in East Siang district during raids on 31st of last month. Meanwhile, about 27.93 grams of Heroin, 6 grams of Opium, three mobile phones, multiple empty vials and cash were seized from them. Similarly, in a separate raid, two more drug peddlers from Assam were arrested at Bhismanagar area at Roing. Further, 22.58 grams of suspected heroin, a mobile, a bike and a dao were seized from them. Meanwhile, the cases were registered under NDPS Act against all four at Mebo Police Station.

In Paris Olympics today, Neeraj Chopra has qualified for the men's javelin final with a throw of 89.34m. Neeraj after his win, said "Olympic was his priority and now will come in full preparations for the finals. He also urged all his fans to support all the athletes who

are also performing well.” In Wrestling, Vinesh Phogat will take on Cuba's Yusneylys Guzman Lopez tonight for semifinals in women's 50kg category at 10:13 PM. Meanwhile in Hockey, the Indian team will face Germany in the hockey semi-final which will be played at the Yves-du-Manoir Stadium at 10:30 PM.