

## Morning News Script

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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. In a suo-motu statement in both Houses of Parliament over the situation in Bangladesh yesterday, External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar said, presently, around 19 thousand Indian nationals are in Bangladesh, including 9000 students. He 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 Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha that New Delhi is monitoring the situation with regard to the status of minorities.

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Bangladesh President Mohammed Shahabuddin has appointed Nobel laureate Mohammad Yunus as head of an interim government. The decision to this effect was taken at a meeting President Shahabuddin had with chiefs of the three services and a 13-member delegation of Anti-Discrimination Student Movement at Bangabhaban, the presidential palace, in Dhaka yesterday.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated President Droupadi Murmu on being bestowed the highest civilian award of Fiji, Companion of the Order of Fiji. The Prime Minister said, this is a moment of immense pride and joy for every Indian. Modi said, this award is also a recognition of President Murmu's leadership as well as the historic people-to-people connect between the both countries.

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Department of Industries & Commerce, Government of Nagaland signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) at Kohima yesterday. The MoU was signed by Chief Business Officer, Delhi, Shireesh Joshi, and Director, Industries & Commerce, P. Tokugha Sema. The primary aim of this MoU is to

collaborate in facilitating digital sales for small businesses, farmers, artisan and entrepreneurs through the ONDC platform and enhance their digital inclusion. The collaborative efforts under this MoU also aim to empower and enable these diverse business entities by leveraging digital solutions and fostering sustainable growth. Open Network for Digital Commerce is a flagship initiative of the Department for Promotion of Industry & Internal Trade under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry to democratize e-commerce in India. In Nagaland, the Department of Industries & Commerce is the Nodal Department for promoting and advancing the successful implementation of ONDC initiative within the State. For Further expansion and widespread participation, the Government of Nagaland has empanelled Ilandlo Services Private Limited, a Nagaland Based E-commerce Brand to work as the Nodal Agency, to bring in all the local artisans, FPO's, entrepreneurs etc under its umbrella and help in their on boarding process onto the ONDC Network.



10th National Handloom Day will be celebrated today in New Delhi. Vice President Jagdeep Dhankar will confer Sant Kabir Awards and National Handloom Awards to handloom weavers for their outstanding contribution in handloom sector. During the event award Catalogue and Coffee Table Book Parampara- Sustainability in Handloom Traditions of India will be released by the Vice President. Union Minister of Textiles, Giriraj Singh, Industry representatives, exporters, designers and more than one thousand weavers across the country will be attending this event. Different activities will be organised across the country as a part of celebrations. The celebrations aim to generate awareness about the importance of the handloom sector and its contribution to the socio-economic development of the country.



The government has appointed C S Setty as Chairman of State Bank of India (SBI) for a period of three years. Setty, currently senior most MD of the bank, will replace incumbent chairman Dinesh Kumar Khara on August 28. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the proposal of the Department of Financial Services for the appointment of Setty as chairman of SBI for a period of three years with effect from the date of assumption of charge.



Indian women's wrestling will have its biggest day when Vinesh Phogat participates in the 50 kg freestyle final, hoping to win a historic maiden gold medal for the country at Paris Olympics today. Vinesh, who made history by becoming the first woman wrestler to reach the final at the Olympics, will take on Sarah Ann Hilderbrandt of the United States at 9.45 p.m. IST. Meanwhile, the Indian men's hockey team played its heart out but went down 2-3 to World Champion Germany in the second semifinal India will now face Spain in the Olympics bronze medal match.

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