

## Morning News Script

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that government aims to increase the textiles exports to nine lakh crore rupees by 2030 from the present three lakh crore rupees. Addressing the gathering at Bharat Tex 2025 at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi yesterday, Mr Modi said, country's textiles and apparel exports registered seven per cent growth last year. He highlighted that India is the sixth largest textile and apparel exporter today. He said, India is moving ahead in direction of manufacturing high-grade carbon fibre. The Prime Minister also stated that Government is working on creating skilled talent pool for textile sector.

Prime Minister Modi said that India's cultural diversity is reflected in the textiles originating from different parts of the country.

He lauded the efforts of all the stakeholders involved in the organization of the event. The Prime Minister also visited the exhibition area and interacted with the exhibitors. Bharat Tex, a major global event, began on Friday and will continue till today. The event brings together the entire textile value chain, from raw materials to finished products, including accessories, under one roof.

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Nagaland's Advisor for school education Kekhrielhoulie Yhome has said the ongoing process of transfers of teachers will continue despite opposition from various quarters. He, however, assured that exceptional cases would be handled with a sensitive approach. Mr Yhome said that rationalisation is a process aimed at balancing teacher distribution, where teachers are reassigned from schools with surpluses to those with shortages, especially in rural and underserved areas. Despite the difficulties, resistance and opposition, the Advisor assured that the rationalisation process would continue as planned, with the department revisiting cases where specific concerns or exceptional issues arise. Earlier this month, the Nagaland Department of School Education ordered the transfer and posting of over 1,600 teachers as part of the rationalisation process in government schools across the state.

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External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar highlighted the collaborative spirit of the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC) and the India Myanmar Thailand Trilateral Highway in the Indian Ocean Region. Addressing the inaugural session of the 8th Indian Ocean Conference at Muscat in Oman yesterday, the Minister said both projects will be among the key collaborative connectivity initiatives for the region. He asserted that it is vital to ensure that connectivity initiatives in Indian Ocean region are consultative and transparent, and not unilateral and opaque. The Minister stated that there is a churn at the two ends of the Ocean, one being the conflict in West Asia and the other being the tensions and contestations being witnessed in the Indo-Pacific. He emphasised that adhering to agreements and understandings is a central element to ensuring stability and predictability.

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Ministry of Ayush has announced the opening of nominations for the prestigious Prime Minister's Yoga Awards for the 2025 edition of the International Day of Yoga. These awards recognize individuals and organizations that have made significant and sustained contributions to the promotion and development of Yoga, both nationally and internationally. The awards will be conferred in the National

Individual, National Organization, International Individual, and International Organization categories. Each winner will receive a Trophy, Certificate, and a Cash Award of 25 lakh rupees. Applications and nominations can be submitted via the MyGov platform on or before 31st March this year.

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