

## Morning News Script

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The Government yesterday launched a national campaign, Bal Vivah Mukht Bharat in New Delhi. The primary agenda of the campaign is to make India a child marriage-free nation. Launching the campaign, Women and Child Development Minister Annpurna Devi said, the government has identified 130 districts, where this campaign will be run in a focused manner. During the event, Women and Child Development Minister Annpurna Devi also unveiled the Child Marriage-Free Bharat portal. The online platform has been developed to support the campaign's mission of raising awareness, preventing child marriage, and effectively reporting incidents of child marriage.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday urged youngsters to take part in the quiz, which can ensure them to be a part of the historic Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue. The Viksit Bharat Challenge is a four-stage competition, which invites young people to participate and contribute ideas. The Challenge kicks off with an all-India digital quiz competition from the 25th of November to the 5th of next month. This competition is open to all individuals aged between 15 to 29.

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Both Houses of Parliament were adjourned for the day following a ruckus by the opposition over various issues, including alleged bribery charges against a prominent business group. When the Rajya Sabha began its proceedings yesterday, Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar rejected the adjournment notices under rule 267 given by the Opposition MPs on alleged bribery charges against a prominent business group, Manipur violence and violence in UP's Sambhal. Opposition members continued to raise the issues forcing adjournment of the House for the day.

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The Transport Department will be operating a City Bus Shuttle Service from Kohima to Kisama Heritage Village from 1st to 10th of December. The service will be available from ISBT Kohima to Kisama with ticket fare at 80 rupees, NST Station Kohima to Kisama at 70 rupees and PR hill to Kisama at 50 rupees. The bus service from the three locations will begin operation from 8:00 AM. Return bus service will also be available from Kisama to Kohima from 10:00 AM onwards. The last shuttle bus service from Kisama to Kohima will depart at 9:00 PM daily. In addition to the paid shuttle services, daily free bus shuttle services will also be provided from the main parking area at Kigwema Public Ground to Kisama Heritage Village and vice versa. These free shuttle services are available for the general public, including tourists visiting Kisama. Meanwhile, the Kigwema Youth Organization (KYO) informed that 50 rupees will be charged for all general vehicles parking at the Kigwema Public Ground. The KYO warned that parking on National Highway between Kisama entrance Gate to Kigwema local ground is strictly prohibited. A fine of 500 rupees will be imposed on defaulters who park in this restricted area.



The Kohima District Committee for Lighthouse Schools under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner, Kumar Ramnikant held a meeting yesterday to review the progress of the World Bank- funded Lighthouse School Project under the NECTAR initiative. The NECTAR team presented a detailed overview of the project, highlighting its goals to establish model residential schools in rural areas, prevent urban migration, and enhance educational standards. The project, launched in April 2021, initially covered 11 districts but has now expanded to 16, with construction set to begin soon and completion expected by June 2026. Stakeholders were informed that the initiative prioritizes biodiversity conservation and the protection of indigenous heritage. The meeting was attended by public leaders, district officials, and other key stakeholders.



“SVANidhi BHI, SWABHIMAN BHI” under the PMSVANidhi Scheme was launched yesterday at Atoizu. The campaign which end on 2nd December is aimed at mobilizing and on boarding street vendors in the region. The program was organized by the State Urban Development Agency in collaboration with the Atoizu Town Council and lending institutions. Speaking at the inaugural programme, ADC Atoizu, Nukutulu S Venuh emphasized the government's commitment to empowering street vendors through financial assistance and skill development. She highlighted how the PMSVANidhi Scheme not only fosters self-reliance but also upholds the dignity of vendors in society. Representative from Central Bank of India, Zunheboto, also addressed the gathering, providing insights into the financial support available under the scheme and encouraging eligible street vendors to take advantage of this opportunity.

