

Morning News Script

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his New Zealand counterpart Christopher Luxon jointly inaugurated 10th edition of Raisina Dialogue in New Delhi last evening. In his keynote address, Mr Luxon said, India and New Zealand are fortunate to be part of the world's most economically dynamic region.

LUXON BYTE:

The New Zealand Prime Minister said, Raisina Dialogue is a forum that provides an annual opportunity for thought leaders from across the world to focus their collective minds on the contemporary strategic challenges being navigated right in the Indian Ocean. The theme of this year's Raisina Dialogue is "Kālachakra-People, Peace and Planet". The event is witnessing participation of representatives from about 125 countries.

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Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs Nirmala Sitharaman yesterday launched a dedicated mobile app for the Prime Minister's Internship Scheme in New Delhi. The App provides various facilities including intuitive interface with a clean design and effortless navigation, easy registration through Aadhaar face authentication and real time alerts to keep candidates abreast of new updates. Union Minister commended the Prime Minister's vision in introducing a package of five schemes to promote employment, skilling, and opportunities. She emphasized that the PM Internship Scheme has the potential to bridge the gap between classroom learning and industry expectations, thereby enhancing youth employability.

FM BYTE:

The Prime Minister's Internship Scheme was announced in the Budget 2024-25. It aims to provide internship opportunities to one crore youth in top 500 companies in five years. The internship application window for this round is open till the end of this month.

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In a major breakthrough, the Special Investigation Team (SIT) investigating the ATM robbery case has arrested an inter-state gang responsible for looting a State Bank of India ATM booth in Kuda village, Dimapur, on February 20. Commissioner of Police, Dimapur Kevithuto Sophie, stated that this case could be one of the first of its kind in Eastern India, where all five criminals involved in the robbery have been arrested so far. He added that a thorough investigation would be conducted to uncover more details about the gang's modus operandi. The Commissioner revealed that the police recovered over 13.5 lakh rupees from the accused, out of the 25.85 lakh rupees that had been stolen. Additionally, a Maruti Swift Dzire car and a two-wheeler, both used in the crime, were seized. The arrested individuals confessed to having previously looted two ATM booths in Assam- Golaghat and Jorhat, as well as one in Meghalaya. In response, the Nagaland police have alerted their counterparts in Assam and Meghalaya. The Commissioner commended the SIT team for their swift action, and successfully arresting all the accused within three weeks.

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In Manipur, curfew has been imposed in Churachandpur district yesterday after a protest march turned into clashes and stone pelting between two communities. Anticipating an escalation, the district administration enforced curfew in the district under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita 2023 and additional security measures had been taken up to prevent any unwanted incidents. Deputy Commissioner of Churachandpur district appealed the people of Churachandpur to help the security and district administration in maintaining peace and communal harmony in the district.

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The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has announced the 5G Innovation Hackathon 2025, aimed at accelerating the development of innovative 5G-powered solutions to address societal and industrial challenges. This is a six-month initiative and is open for students, startups, and professionals. The Ministry said that winners will receive significant rewards, including 5 lakh rupees for the 1st place, 3 lakh rupees for the runner-up, and 1.5 lakh rupees for the 2nd runner-up.

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