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### **BPO employee robbed in Noida**

Four bike-borne youths yesterday night robbed a BPO employee of his mobile phone and money. Ritesh Kumar got down from bus at Sector 1 and was going towards his house in New Ashok Nagar.

He had walked few hundred meters when suddenly two bikes stopped near him. The pillion riders got down and assaulted him. They snatched his mobile phone and few thousand rupees that he was carrying.

### **70-year-old property dealer robbed**

A 70-year-old property dealer was robbed of Rs.2.8 lakh in cash and some jewellery at Shakarpur in the Capital's trans-Yamuna area on Tuesday. The police suspect an insider's hand.

Brahm Dutt, a resident of Angad Nagar, was standing in the balcony when two men on a motorcycle stopped near his house. They gained entry into the house on the pretext of some work. Then at gun-point they asked him to hand over the money he had got from a business deal on Monday. The robbers decamped with the cash kept in an almirah and some jewellery

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### **H1N1 cases**

Eight positive cases of the contagious flu have come up. With this, the number of people affected by the disease in the city has reached 9,570.

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### **New online US visa application process to begin from February 1**

The US Consulate officials yesterday announced that a new online visa application process would be launched from February 1, wherein non-immigrant visa applications will be submitted using an electronic form.

The new system would streamline the application process, Jim Herman, minister Counselor for Consular Affairs at the US Embassy in Delhi, told reporters in Mumbai. "This would allow us to efficiently process applications," he added.

The DS-160, a web-based non-immigrant visa application, incorporates all existing NIV applications into one interactive, online form. Visa applicants completing their applications as of January 19 will need to use the new form, he said.

Applicants will continue to complete visa application forms online, as they did previously with the electronic visa application form. With the new form, however, applicants will now submit applications via the internet, eliminating the need for paper applications

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#### **Burglars loot church, temple in Pudupet**

Burglars broke into the St Antony's church in Pudupet as well as a roadside temple nearby and stole money from three hundis on Sunday night.

The thieves gained entry into the church premises after scaling the compound wall. They broke open two two hundis on the right side corner of the campus facing the road. Using a screwdriver and duplicate keys, they tried breaking open the hundis but when it did not succeed they took a grinding stone and broke open the locks. The stolen money comprised the offerings made during New Year.

Six years ago, the day after Good Friday, a similar burglary was reported at the same church. The burglars had then sneaked inside and broken the offering box kept in the prayer hall. More than a lakh of rupees was stolen. The case is yet to be cracked, church sources said.

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#### **Cops recover stolen items worth Rs 3 crore**

The police have recovered property worth over Rs 3 crore and arrested many on charges of burglary, vehicle theft and robbery.

Police commissioner Shankar Bidari on Tuesday said North division made recoveries in burglaries and robberies; Central Crime Branch made recoveries in vehicle thefts. The Central division cracked a case in which a gang of seven fraudulently transferred a woman's fixed deposits worth Rs 1.5 crore.

#### **NORTH DIVISION**

Rs 1 crore, 29 cases

3.3 kg gold, Rs 56 lakh

4.2 kg silver, Rs 96,000

Cash, Rs 5.76 lakh

Four-wheelers, Rs 7.75 lakh

Two-wheelers, Rs 17 lakh

Mobile phones, Rs 6 lakh

#### **CENTRAL DIVISION**

A gang of seven transferred fixed deposit bonds worth over Rs 1.7 crore from the account of Komala and obtained a loan of Rs 1.4 crore by pledging them as security. The arrested are S Shivananda Pai, Vijay Kumar, Gayathri, Meenakshi, Srinivasa, Prasad and Nagaraju.

#### **Central CRIME BRANCH**

Police arrested two gangs and recovered four-wheelers worth Rs 75 lakh. Ismail Jabiulla, 28, and Nadeem Pasha, 28 were arrested and 9 four-wheelers worth Rs 29 lakh seized. They owned a garage in Ullal and changed engine and chasis numbers of vehicles after stealing.

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#### **Power shutdown Utilities**

There will be no power supply in the following areas on Wednesday.

**From 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.:** Radha Satsang, Rukmini Enclave, MES Colony, Brindavan Enclave.

**From 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.:** Macha Bollarum, Bollaram market.

**From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.:** Nandagiri Hills, Journalists Colony, MLA Colony.

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Maoists burn machines

Armed Maoists burnt several bridge construction machines at Chamotola in Bihar's East Champaran district, Superintendent of Police Umesh Kumar said on Tuesday. Over 50 ultras armed with sophisticated weapons surrounded the Chamotola, drove the labourers out of their makeshift tents and set afire several bridge construction machines late last night. They burnt a generator set, a roller, a mixer machine besides several other machines parked at the site and escaped.

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#### Unprecedented traffic chaos in city

Capital city witnessed unprecedented traffic chaos on Tuesday evening when nearly 40,000-strong spectators from Kalinga Stadium, where closing ceremony of 15th National Youth Festival was held.

Vehicular movement in Central Bhubaneswar came to a grinding halt for hours with city police finding it hard to manage huge flow of traffic on roads.

All the parallel roads such as Jayadev Vihar-Raj Bhawan, Acharya Vihar-AG Square, and Vani Vihar-Master Canteen were choked with bumper-to-bumper traffic. All vehicles from the stadium were given exit to National High -5, which usually remains congested during evening hours.

The traffic snarls extended all the way up to Rasulgarh-Kalpana Square road. Confusion prevailed for hours as cars, autorickshaws and two-wheelers piled up along the service roads.

Police Commissionerate did not allow vehicles towards State secretariat in its attempt to avoid further congestion. However, situation went out of control at Acharya Vihar where hundreds of vehicles were pouring in from all sides. Road expansion works on main Janpath road had made the matter worse. Since roadsides were hollowed out, vehicles could not move in fast pace.

Probably for the first time, city police was getting taste of cultural extravaganza of this magnitude.

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### **CCTV camera helped nabbing ATM card stealer**

An ATM card thief Gaurang Solanki, 24, resident of Dani Limda, arrested on Tuesday after

he was caught on CCTV while using his own card in an ATM in Shah Alam.

Hunt was launched for an unidentified card stealer who had stolen the 60-year-old Manhar Shah's card. Shah had written his password on the card which fell near Hirabhai Tower between January 7 and 8. On the same day, he received an SMS about withdrawal of Rs 10,000 from his account of State Bank of India. Alarmed at this, Shah rushed to the SBI branch, and upon cross checking, found to his dismay that the withdrawal was made through his lost ATM card from Shahalam ATM outlet. Following this, Shah lodged a complaint with Dani Limda police station.

### **Cash, diamonds worth Rs 7 lakh stolen from parked car**

Cash and diamonds worth Rs 7.25 lakh were stolen from a car parked in Navrangpura on Monday. Thieves broke into the car by tampering with the lock on its back door and got away with a briefcase.

“The briefcase contained Rs 5.25 lakh in cash and seven diamonds worth Rs 2 lakh,” said cops. Navrangpura police station officials said Sudarshan Gupta, a resident of Bopal who owns a factory of cosmetics near Prem Darwaza, had been to Suvikas Bank at 2 pm on Monday and parked his car on Ashram Road with a briefcase on the rear seat.

After Gupta came out of the bank, he went to a photo lab near Sardar Patel Underpass and returned after 10 minutes. The rear door of the car was ajar and briefcase gone. Even identity cards and important documents have been looted.

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### **Militant shot dead in Pulwama**

One militant was killed in an encounter with security forces in Pulwama district today, while suspected militants shot dead a militant who had surrendered in Kupwara district yesterday. Riyaz Dedad was killed in an encounter with the security forces and a house got damaged at Abhama village in the Rajpora area of Pulwama district yesterday.

Acting on specific information about the presence of militants in the village, police and RR personnel cordoned off the house of Mohammad Ahsan Sheikh last evening. Militants hiding in the house were asked to surrender, but they opened fire on the search party, ensuing the encounter. The security forces laid a siege in the area and the operation was suspended for the night.

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### **11-yr-old abducted for Rs 5 lakh ransom**

An 11-year-old boy Mithilesh Hirwani has gone missing since Tuesday afternoon from Mahalaxminagar. His father Shatrughan, who works as a mason, has claimed to have received a call on his cellphone from a person demanding Rs 5 lakh ransom for freeing his son.

Police said that Mithilesh, a Std VI student, left his Mahalaxminagar residence at 8.30am for school near Ajni railway quarters. He did not return home at the expected time of 4.30pm. His father approached the police after he was asked for the ransom by the caller threatening of dire consequences.

### **Man robbed of Rs 2 lakh in Alkapuri**

Some unidentified men robbed an employee of a transportation company based in Vadodara of Rs two lakh. The accused are believed to have followed the victim to his employer's place where they snatched a bag containing cash from him.

Suresh Patel had withdrawn cash from HDFC Bank in Alkapuri around 1 pm on Tuesday afternoon and left for his employer Jaydev Patel's residence on Productivity Road. Patel had reached the entrance of the house and was talking with his employer with the bag in his hand when a youth came asking for water.

The employer grew suspicious and asked the youth who was he and what was he doing in the apartment block. At this point, the youth snatched the bag from Suresh and escaped. The city police are trying to identify the accused from the CCTV footage at the bank believing that he might have followed the victim to the bank.

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## Thousands feared dead as powerful earthquake rocks Haiti

The strongest earthquake in more than 200 years rocked Haiti on Tuesday, collapsing a hospital where people screamed for help and heavily damaging the National Palace, UN peacekeeper headquarters and other buildings. US officials reported bodies in the streets and an aid official described ``total disaster and chaos."

United Nations officials said hours after the 7.0-magnitude quake struck at 4:53pm that they still couldn't account for a large number of UN personnel.

Communications were widely disrupted, making it impossible to get a full picture of damage as powerful aftershocks shook a desperately poor country where many buildings are flimsy. Electricity was out in some places.

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