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Rs 1.55 crore snatched from jeweller at gunpoint

In a daring daylight robbery yesterday morning, four armed motorcyclists snatched two bags containing Rs 1.55 crore from an elderly jeweller right outside his house while he was waiting for his car, in the Ashok Vihar area of north-west Delhi.

According to information, Puran Chand Goel (62), along with his daughter-in-law, was waiting for his car outside his C-2/31, Phase-II, Ashok Vihar, residence when the incident took place around 9.45 am.

Puran Chand was going to HDFC Bank in Patel Nagar to deposit Rs 1.55 crore when the incident took place. A case has been registered and efforts are on to nab the goons. Goel owns two jewellery. Goel owns two jewellery shops in Ashok Vihar's Central Market and Sadar Bazar and the robbed money was yesterday's collection.

Analysis:

68 robberies by bikers this year

The national Capital has witnessed 831 incidents of crimes committed by motorcycle-borne men, till November 15 this year. According to police data, snatching tops the list with 760 cases followed by 68 robberies. Three incidents of murders by bike-borne assailants have also been reported.

Health

2 more H1N1 deaths

Deaths due to Influenza A (H1N1) have become a routine feature in the Capital, with two more persons succumbing to the viral infection yesterday. With the latest two cases, the tally of deaths due to H1N1 has reached 48.

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Call for flight status before you head for airport

For those of you flying out of Delhi on Wednesday morning, it would be a good idea to call the airline in advance to ensure your flight is taking off on time. With the Met department predicting the season's first dense fog on Wednesday morning, the airport's and airlines' preparedness to operate in low visibility will finally be put to test.

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Local train derails at Thane; services disrupted

Services on the Central line were today disrupted after three boggies of an empty local train derailed at neighbouring Thane.

The train, which was empty, was going towards Karjat from Thane yard when three of its boggies jumped off the track. No injury has been reported.

All local trains on the slow line between Thane and suburban Mulund have been diverted to the fast track, services are running late by 30 minutes as the restoration work is till on.

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Housewife held for loan fraud Debamoy

With the arrest of a 25-year-old housewife from Belghoria in North 24-Parganas on Wednesday, police claim to have busted a gang that cheated people by promising easy loans. Mausumi Saha was identified from a bank's CCTV footage where she had gone to encash cheques collected from an unsuspecting real estate developer from Baguiati.

Mausumi was on the lookout for a job to supplement her husband's meagre earnings. She responded to an advertisement, seeking executives' for a financial institution. Her bosses' told her that she would have to visit customers to collect blank cheques and copies of identity documents like drivers' licences and PAN cards and encash the cheques from banks. She was paid Rs 200 per day.

Mausumi visited at least 20 loan-seekers in the last few months. Members of the gang would copy the signatures from the identity documents onto the blank cheques and would collect cash from banks. Police suspect that FIRs have been lodged at many police stations across the state.

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Jewellery shop burgled

A jewellery store was allegedly burgled by a suspected juvenile who made a hole through one

of its walls and decamped with about 250 gm of gold jewels and few kg of silver articles at J.J. Nagar early on Wednesday.

According to police sources, the shop owner, Mahendra Kumar (34) of Tirumangalam, opened the shop around 9.30 a.m. when he saw all the showcases empty. While the strong room containing large quantity of jewellery was untouched, jewels kept in rakes were missing

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TN, K'taka border villages join 'united' struggle

The Samaikhya Andhra movement has spread its wings to the border villages of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka with activists conducting rallies, dharnas, rasta rokos and protest demonstrations in support of united Andhra.

Though the people live in Chittoor district, a majority of them are Tamilians and Kannadigas settled here long time ago. Though they are not directly involved in the ongoing stir, the leaders and activists spearheading the movement have started wooing them as well in support of Samaikhya Andhra. Towards this end, posters and placards in Tamil and Kannada languages were printed to reach out to these sections in the border villages.

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Power shutdown today Utilities

The following areas in the city will not have power supply on Thursday.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Rajeev Nagar, GTS Colony, Fathima Nagar, Sreeram Nagar, Kalyan nagar

10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Risala Bazar, Burtonguda, Turkapally, and surrounding areas

2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

Venkatapuram, Indira Nagar Colony, MES Colony, Dinakar Nagar and surrounding areas

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Seethaphal Mandi, Mylargadda

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Police security withdrawn from Jewish centres in city

The police have tightened security in the city following recent intelligence inputs that Taliban-trained terrorists have sneaked into Mumbai, Kolkata and Delhi to target vital installations. However, the security at the Ohel David synagogue (Lal Deval) in Pune Camp and Chabad House at Koregaon Park have been withdrawn.

A tight security was being maintained at the two Jewish centres from mid-October following an alert by central intelligence agencies that the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) was planning to target Jewish religious places in Pune. The governments of Maharashtra, Gujarat, Delhi and West Bengal were put on high alert then.

No policemen were seen at the synagogue and Chabad House when this reporter went visiting there. However, the entrances to both places were barricaded.

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2 drugged in Capital Exp

Two passengers were found drugged in the Sleeper coach of the Capital Express at Danapur station on Friday.

They were admitted to the Danapur railway hospital where their condition was stated to be normal. They were identified as Maqbul Alam of Bangladesh and Sunil Kumar Jha of Samastipur.

Alam was robbed of his valuables, including Rs 3,000, \$150, a cellphone and other assets by the cheats. Further investigation is on.

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14 more test positive for swine flu

With the winter chill now in the air, swine flu cases in the city have recorded a sudden increase in the past one week. Doctors warned that H1N1 infections could see a rise as the virus spreads faster during winter.

According to the UT Health Department, 14 fresh cases were tested positive for swine flu yesterday while in the past one week, six cases have been reported every day. There has been a sharp increase from three and four cases reported in November. With these fresh cases, the total number of positive cases has gone up to 242.

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Swine flu deaths: State on high alert

A sharp rise in swine flu cases in December has prompted the Gujarat government to

intensify medical checks at Ahmedabad airport and road and rail entry points of the state.

With December seeing 16 swine flu deaths in Gujarat already, taking the total death toll to 62, state health minister Jay Narayan Vyas said. Of the 62, 59 persons from Gujarat have died of H1N1 while three were residents of Rajasthan, who had come for treatment.

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Swine flu continues to spread, one more dies

Swine flu claimed one more life on Tuesday while 60 people in the state were tested positive for the disease during the day. The disease has so far claimed 102 lives and 2,421 people have so far been tested positive for the disease across the state.

The state government has already implemented the Epidemic Act following the daily increasing numbers of swine flu patients. However, none of the district collectors had announced any major decision under the newly granted discretionary powers.

The districts of Jaipur, Jodhpur and Nagaur have been on the prime list of concern due to the large number of casualties reported from the three districts

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Now, avail Radio Taxi services at your doorstep

In the absence of proper public transport system, the private Radio Taxi services have provided some relief to the tourists and locals. The services are available round-the-clock and that too at a cheaper rate than the auto rickshaws.

The service providers claim that radio taxis are convenient as it saves time, offers safe travelling and better facilities. The fare is almost half compared to the ones charged by auto rickshaws. The auto rickshaws are notorious for fleecing tourists, they claimed. Tourists landing at airport are facing a lot of trouble because the auto rickshaw drivers are demanding a minimum of Rs 300-400 for 10 kms.

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12 farm technocrats hurt in lathicharge

At least 12 agricultural technocrats were injured in police lathicharge at Dogra Chowk here today while they were taking out a rally from the Press Club demanding the regularisation of their services.

Reports said at least 12 protesters were injured in the lathicharge. The injured included association leaders Rajiv Sharma and Khurshid Ahmed, besides Ved Prakash, Vishal Kumar, Amit Gupta, Divakar Anand, Vinod Salathia, Anirudh Bhat, Anurag, Sarfraz and others.

The reports said the farm technocrats tried to block traffic at the ever busy Dogra Chowk and the police resorted to the cane charge to disperse them

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Russia threatens 10pm curfew on Goa holidayers

The Russian consulate in Mumbai has slammed the Goa government for insensitive remarks by the state's lawmakers against the Russian girl who was allegedly raped by a local politician recently.

In a not-so-subtle threat, it said it would ask Russian citizens to be indoors by 10pm if this would keep them secure while holidaying in Goa.

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Red alert: Maoists seize Kathmandu

Maoists on Wednesday announced the seizure of the Nepalese capital Kathmandu declaring it an autonomous region, after storming into heavily guarded Durbar Square, in a development that could trigger a new political confrontation.

Waving red flags, 5000 militant cadres forced their way into the Durbar Square city centre where their chief Prachanda declared Kathmandu valley as the Newa Autonomous State. The Maoists, who have already announced formation of parallel governments in nine districts and paid little heed to warnings by the Nepali Congress, to desist from such tactics as it may lead to “biggest political and social confrontation”.

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