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Two held in currency racket

Two men allegedly involved in a fake currency racket have been arrested by the Crime Branch of the Delhi police. Over Rs.1 lakh in fake notes were purportedly seized from them.

The Inter-State Cell of the Crime Branch received a tip-off that counterfeit currency being smuggled into the country from Nepal was being distributed in Delhi. The team zeroed in on Mansoor Alam, a resident of Muzaffarpur in Bihar, and found that he would come to the Walled City to deliver a consignment of fake notes to Abdul Haq, who has a shop in the area.

A trap was laid and the accused were arrested with the consignment. The notes were of Rs.500 denominations.

Health

25 new dengue cases in Delhi

The dengue menace continued unabated in the national capital with 25 fresh cases being reported today, taking the total number of those suffering from the vector-borne disease to 970.

The city has reported more than 340 cases of dengue in the past 10 days. With 25 fresh positive cases of dengue, the total has reached 970. There are 13 cases in which the infection has been contracted from outside Delhi

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Letter warns of attacks at 14 places

The Railway police received an anonymous letter on Thursday threatening bomb blasts at 14 important places including Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, BSE, Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport and Mantralaya.

Joint commissioner of police (law and order) Himanshu Roy said, “After 26/11 we have so far received around 573 threat calls and emails. We take all threats seriously and alert all security agencies. Now, with the anniversary of 26/11 close at hand, we are more cautious than ever.” The places in the letter include Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, BSE, Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport and Mantralaya.

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GJM bandh in Hills over DGHC

Shops and markets remained closed while vehicles kept off the roads in Darjeeling, Kalimpong and Kurseong sub-divisions as the GJM-sponsored 12-hour bandh started on Friday morning.

Educational institutions and tea gardens were exempted from the bandh call. GJM had been demanding permanent status for more than 6,000 employees in DGHC.

GJM general secretary Roshan Giri alleged that the state government did little to accord the employees permanent status by November 17, as promised.

Home secretary Ardhendu Sen said the bandh was peaceful and tourists were brought down from the Hills. Sen said the tea gardens were open and normal life was not hit too hard.

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Hoax call on radioactive substance aboard ship sets off alarm

An anonymous call reporting radioactive material aboard a Malta-flagged merchant vessel anchored off the city harbour created a flutter at Chennai port on Friday. A massive search operation was carried out on the vessel, MV Garland, anchored off Chennai Port, following a tip-off on Thursday night that it was carrying radioactive material.

The 15,670-tonne capacity ship, carrying granite blocks, had called at New Mangalore and Vishakhapatnam ports before reaching Chennai to load 5,000 tonnes of cement, granite and some equipment. After a day-long scan of the ship, three scientists from the Indira Gandhi Center for Atomic Research, Kalpakkam, declared that it was free of any radioactive substance.

H1N1 hospital closed after stir by locals

India's first-ever hospital for treating H1N1 patients, set up by the Coimbatore corporation, was 'shut down' even before its formal opening. This followed protests from locals, who feared the spread of the deadly virus in their locality if the hospital was allowed to function.

The civic body's hospital at Pappanaickenpalayam was given a facelift and an isolation ward was being readied. But on Friday, residents of Pappanaickenpalayam staged a protest. The civic administration then decided to "temporarily" shelve the proposal for the H1N1 hospital.

Video piracy thrives despite being made an offence

Video piracy continues to thrive in Tamil Nadu. Litter has changed even after the AIADMK government headed by chief minister J Jayalalithaa on October 2, 2004, amended the Goondas Act to bring piracy offences under its purview.

Rain or shine, you can walk into a shop in Chennai's Burma Bazaar and walk out with a bunch of DVDs or VCDs of newly-released Tamil movie. On Indira Gandhi street in Puducherry you can get 500 discs of a newly-released Tamil movie 10 minutes after you place an order.

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Power shutdown today utilities

Several areas of the city will have no power on Saturday, according to Bangalore Electricity Supply Company release.

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Sir M.V. Layout, Thindlu, Nanjappa Layout, Venkataswamappa Layout, Gurudharshan Layout, Canara Bank Layout, Virupakshapura, Sriram Sheyar Apartment, Telecom Layout, Kodigehalli, S.R. Nagar, Shanthivana, Hebbal Kempapura, Bhuvaneshwarinagar, Pampa Extension, Kanthibhavan Layout coming under Sahakarinaragar MUSS; Manyatha Technology Park, Manyatha Residential Layout, Jawaharlal Nehru Research Centre and Godrej Apartment coming under Manyatha MUSS; Peenya Industrial Area, Raghavendra Nagara/Layout, parts of Yeshwanthapur, HMT, HMT Colony, S.M. Road, Ayyappanagar, Shabarinagar, Udupa Garden, Siddarthanagar, Muneshwarnagar, part of Dasarahalli Pipeline coming under Well Cast Steel MUSS; Attur, Vidyaranyaपुरa, M.S. Palya, KMF, Yelahanka New Town and Old Town, Maruthinagar, Chikkabommasandra, L&T Industrial Area and NCBC coming under Yelahanka MUSS.

9 a.m. to 5 p.m.: Vinobanagar, K.K. Halli, Oil Mill Road, Saitpalya, Aravindanagar, Yadava Layout, Muniyellappa Garden, Hennur Main Road, Dodda Banaswadi, Subbaiahnapalya, HRBR Layout 1st Block, Nagadevi IA, Nehru Road, Horamavu, Agara, Jayanthigrama, Kalkere, B.Channasandra, Kyalasanahalli, Nagawara, Hennur, Geddalhalli, Kothnur, V.Nagenahalli, Srirampura, Vaddarapalya, Chelkere, Meghanapalya, OMBR Layout, Vijaya Bank Colony, Rammurthynagar, Chikka Banaswadi, Nanjappa Garden, Bank Avenue, Babusapalya, Rachenahalli, Kallappa Circle, Gubbi Cross, Saraipalya, Aswathnagar, Amarjyothi Layout, Mestripalya coming under Banaswadi MUSS; Hutchins Road, North Road, Ashoka Road, Milton Street, D'Costa Layout, Wheeler Road, Richards Town, Cox Town, Lazar Layout, Hall Road, Lewis Road, Banaswadi Main Road, Pottery Road, Jevanahalli, MSO Colony, K.R. Garden, Purvankara Apartment, M.M. Road, Netaji Road, Hains Road, More Road, Veeranna Garden, Spencer Road, Mosque Road, Stephen Road, Gospel Street, New Bagalur Layout, Viviani Road, BSA Road, Pillanna Garden 1st and 3rd Stage, Nagawara Main Road, Billalnagar, Vinobanagar, K.G. Halli, Davis Road, Jaibharatnagar, Tannery Road, Chinnappa Garden, Nandidurga Road, Asharkhan Street, MEG Colony, Sathyanagar, Lakeside Medical Hospital, Annaswamy Mudaliar Road, Janakiran Layout, KSFC Layout, C.K.Garden, Hall Road coming under Pottery Road MUSS.

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Poorvankara Road, Ranka Colony, Raj Paradise, Bilekahally, Anugraha

Layout, Vijaya Bank Colony, Koratipatil, Mantri Terrace, and Ramana-Srinagar.

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Tight security for civic polls

Over 20,000 security personnel are being deployed for the GHMC elections scheduled to be held on November 23. The commissioner of police has issued prohibitory orders in the twin cities in view of the corporation polls. The police have banned the assembly of five or more persons in a radius of 200 metres from the polling stations. The orders will come into force from November 23 from 6 am to 6 pm.

The commissioner said that there are 581 sensitive areas where pickets will be deployed to ensure peaceful polling. Of these, South One, in which falls the old city, has the maximum with 180 hypersensitive areas.

Health

Swine flu toll reaches 31 in Mumbai

After almost a month-and-a-half and a dip in temperatures, Mumbai recorded its first swine flu death on Friday. Health authorities and experts say the death of a 57-year-old Mira road resident is no indicator of a second wave.

In November, of the 2,016 people screened, 31 tested positive. Two among them were from Mumbai, 14 from the extended suburbs, and 15 were from outside Maharashtra

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38 quick response teams set up in state

Minister of state for home Ramesh Bagwe on Friday said that the state government has set up 38 quick response teams (QRT) comprising 56 commandos each to handle law and order and emergency situations in Maharashtra.

The government has also set up a cyber monitoring cell at Mumbai and plans to form 20 bomb detection and disposal squads in the state soon. 26 QRTs will be stationed in Mumbai, two will be in Pune and the others at places like Nashik, Aurangabad, Nagpur, Gondia.

The QRTs are well-equipped with modern weapons and vehicles and they will rush to any place within the shortest possible time to handle situations like riots and communal disturbances. The QRTs are being trained to handle situations like a terrorist strike till the arrival of Force-One which has undergone rigorous training at the State Reserve Police Force in Pune.

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Chikungunya cases rising in state

Even as cases of H1N1 influenza and dengue fever continue to surface now and then in the state, another viral disease chikungunya has become a cause for concern. So far, 193 cases of chikungunya fever have been detected in the state. The districts of Thane and Beed have topped the chart, with as many as 42 and 30 cases respectively being reported from the two places.

The districts in western Maharashtra and Konkan region, like Satara, Sangli, Solapur, Sindhudurg and Ratnagiri, which had no cases till last year, have registered a sizeable number of cases this year.

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Major stations put on alert following Maoist attack

The railways has put all major stations on high alert in the wake of blowing up of railway tracks in Jharkhand by Maoists on Thursday night causing derailment of 10 bogies of Tata-Bilaspur passenger train near Goelkera railway station under Chakradharpur division as well as bandh call given by CPI(Maoist) in Bihar on Tuesday.

All long distance mail and express trains passing from Bihar have been put under tight surveillance. Sniffer dogs have been pressed into service at Patna Junction and other vulnerable stations of ECR from security point of view.

The railways has provided bulletproof jackets, helmet and modern weapons to the RPF and RPSF personnel escorting trains during night. The railways has also kept striking force reserved at all important stations in the Danapur, Dhanbad and Mughalsarai divisions of ECR to deal with any emergency situation effectively.

Dacoits rob over Rs 3 lakh cash & valuables, thrash house owner

A gang of dacoits assaulted the owner of a house and two others and robbed cash and valuables worth over Rs 3 lakh. The incident village under Kochadhaman police station in Kishanganj district on Tuesday night.

The gang of over 12 dacoits thrashed Maulvi Abid Hussain, the house owner, when he tried to foil their dacoity bid. Kishanganj superintendent of police Chaurasia Chandrashekhar Azad visited the house on Wednesday. No one has been arrested yet.

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Rs 2.4 lakh looted at gunpoint

Two unidentified armed assailants today looted Rs 2.4 lakh from two employees of a Mandi Gobindgarh-based trading company at gunpoint.

The employees, Raju and Raja, had taken the payment from Manoor Trading Company in Motia Khan market and were on their way to Taggar Steels to hand over the amount to their employers. Two unidentified motorcyclists intercepted them and demanded money.

When they refused to part with the money, the assailants fired a gunshot at Raju and took away the money.

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3 more die of swine flu in state, toll hits 33

Three more H1N1 deaths were reported in the state on Friday. While the death toll rose to 33 with two deaths in Jodhpur and one in Udaipur, the total number of positive patients crossed the 1,000 mark with 42 people testing positive for swine flu on Friday.

Maharani's College in Jaipur will remain closed till Monday following one of the first-year students being tested positive for H1N1 on Friday. The college has also decided to postpone its science exhibition, which was scheduled for next week.

Of the 42 positive cases, 27 were from Jaipur, followed by 6 from Jodhpur, 4 from Bikaner, 3 from Ajmer and 2 from Kota. Of the 27 in Jaipur, 25 were students and 10 new institutions have now been added to the list of closed schools, taking the number of affected institutes to 135.

All three casualties on Friday were women. Two women, aged 34 and 25, died in Jodhpur, taking the casualty count from the city to 13, one less than Jaipur. A 10-year-old girl also died in Udaipur.

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Three SRTC employees hurt in cane charge

Three employees of the State Road Transport Corporation (SRTC) were injured when the police resorted to cane charge, preventing them from a protest march in the Central Lal Chowk area here last day.

The protesting SRTC employees, demanding the release of salaries for the past six months and implementation of the Sixth Pay Commission recommendations, were on their way to the office of the Kashmir Divisional Commissioner when they were prevented near the Jehangir Chowk.

The employees, agitating since August 26, have been continuing with the protest demonstrations seeking the fulfilment of their demands.

The police resorted to cane charge and lobbed teargas shells to quell the demonstrators in which three employees were injured near the Jehangir Chowk. Their march towards the office of Divisional Commissioner was prevented as a result of the police action. Earlier, the employees had taken out a protest from the Tourist Reception Centre (TRC) yards through the Central Lal Chowk area.

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US missile strike kills 8 in Pak

Eight Islamist militants were killed in a US missile strike in northwest Pakistan on Friday, after three policemen were killed in a bomb blast.

The United States has carried out 45 attacks with its pilotless, missile-firing aircraft in northwest Pakistan this year as its forces in neighboring Afghanistan have faced an intensifying Taliban insurgency.

The latest strike, the second this week, targeted a fortified militant compound and a vehicle near the town of Mir Ali in North Waziristan, a lawless ethnic Pashtun region on the Afghan border and a major al-Qaida and Taliban sanctuary.

Maoists plan fresh stir on peace anniversary, Nepal

The top leaders of Nepal’s formerly outlawed Maoist Party on Friday started consultations to chalk out a new movement against the government as their seven-day ultimatum to Prime Minister Madhav Kumar Nepal drew to a close without any agreement.

A flurry of frantic meetings between Nepal and Maoist chief Pushpa Kamal Dahal Prachanda as well as the Maoist leaders and the two biggest ruling parties – the Nepali Congress and Communist Party of Nepal-Unified Marxist Leninist – failed to reach any agreement, ironically on the same day that both sides had signed a peace agreement three years ago, ending the 10-year Maoist “People’s War”.

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