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## **Law and Order**

### **Mob vandalises fraudster's office**

Hundreds of angry people vandalised the office and set afire the car of an alleged cheat in the Mangolpuri area of outer district, last night.

The situation came under control only after a senior police officer reached the spot and pacified the people. However, heavy police force was posted in the area to stop any further vandalism.

According to information, chit fund fraud of about Rs 20 crore has surfaced after the police received around 30 complaints in the past few days against one Rakesh Mishra.

The complainants said the investors were promised double and triple their principle amount in a stipulated time period by Rakesh and his company.

### **Rajiv Chowk metro station to close early**

The Delhi Metro Rail Corporation has announced that in view of security restrictions at Connaught Place on New Year's Eve, entry and exit from the Rajiv Chowk metro station will be closed from 9 p.m. on Thursday.

Sale of tickets at Rajiv Chowk will stop at 8-45 p.m. and shutters of all entry gates will be closed at 9 p.m. However, interchange facility between Line 2 (Central Secretariat-Jehangirpuri) and Line 3 (Dwarka Sector 9-Noida Sector 32) will remain operational at the station till 11 p.m.

Services at all other metro stations will continue normally till the end of the day. However, no tokens for the Rajiv Chowk metro station will be issued from any station from 8 p.m. onward.

### **Stage set for crackdown on drunken driving on Dec 31**

Delhiites beware! The traffic police are all set to crack their whip on drunken driving on December 31. Their efforts last year were lauded as the city did not record a single accident due to drunken driving on New Year's Eve. So, all those headed for parties to herald in the new year are advised to arrange for drivers or hire cabs.

The police are planning to keep a close watch on the movement of vehicles and those caught driving under the influence of alcohol will be strictly dealt with. The traffic police are pushing for jail term for offenders, which will be awarded on the spot. The police have requested the judiciary to send metropolitan magistrates (MMs) along with special prosecution teams.

According to the law, drunken driving is not a compoundable offence, which means that those caught have to be sent to court where the punishment is decided. The offence is punishable under Section 185 of the Motor Vehicles Act, which attracts a fine of Rs 2,000 or six months in jail or both for first-time offenders. Those committing the offence within three years are liable to pay a fine of Rs 3,000 or two years in jail or both.

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## **Health**

### **Four more succumb to swine flu**

Four more persons succumbed to swine flu on Wednesday even as 207 fresh cases were

reported nationwide, with Delhi topping the list.

The deaths were reported from Delhi, Rajasthan, Maharashtra and Gujarat. With these, the total number of people who have succumbed to the disease in the country is up to 919.

Of the 207 fresh cases reported, Delhi accounted for a whopping 100.

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#### **Mock drill at Mumbai airport**

Mumbai Airport authorities yesterday carried out a mock security drill at the airport to check the effectiveness of security systems in the eventuality of a bomb threat.

The exercise, which lasted about one hour and saw participation by all agencies concerned, affected the operation of five flights, an airport official said.

The security agencies and MIAL conducted an evacuation drill at Terminal B of the domestic airport. This is a standard practice, which is carried out every year.

The exercise was carried out between 2 pm to 2.45 pm. Five flights affected include four of Jet Airways and one Indigo Airlines.

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#### **Clips removed from railway track, passengers have narrow escape**

Passengers of the New Delhi-Puri Purushottam Express had a narrow escape in the wee hours on Wednesday as suspected Maoists removed the connectors between two tracks on a 400 metre stretch near Gidni station in West Bengal just before the train was to cross the area.

Patrolling railway men detected a group of people removing the pandoral clips, connectors between two tracks, and trying to bend the line near Gidni at around 1.15 am, a South Eastern.

They immediately informed railway authorities at Gidni station following which movement

of trains was stopped.

Local police, RPF and railway officials rushed to the spot to undertake restoration work, the spokesman said.

Thirteen UP and DN trains, including Gitanjali Express, Mumbai Mail, Azad Hind Express were detained at several points on the Howrah-Tatanagar section. Train movement was restored after six hours, the spokesman said.

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#### **Iranian woman held with fake currency**

An Iranian woman was remanded in judicial custody for being in possession of fake Indian currency. The Mylapore police arrested her and produced her before a magistrate's court on Tuesday.

Mortazavi Asraf, 62, had come here on December 3 with her daughter, Salom-e-Abtahi, to train at a meditation centre in Manapakkam. On Monday night, they went to Citi Centre, a shopping mall on Dr Radhakrishnan Salai, and purchased clothes worth Rs 4,000. They gave the cashier eight five-hundred rupee notes. His suspicion aroused, the cashier asked them to wait for a while. He informed the Mylapore police who arrived quickly and picked up the mother-daughter duo. The women claimed they were innocent.

#### **Traffic regulations for New Year eve celebrations**

Traffic police have made special arrangements in view of New Year eve celebrations on Thursday. According to a release issued by the police, traffic signals would be on until 3 a.m. on Friday. Signal violation would attract penalty.

Vehicular traffic would not be allowed between Napier Bridge and Gandhi statue on Kamarajar Salai after 10.30 p.m. on Thursday. All vehicles coming from north would be diverted at Adams Road-Kamarajar Salai junction towards Anna Salai and all vehicles coming from south would be diverted at Gandhi Statue-Kamarajar Salai junction towards Dr. Radhakrishnan Salai.

Traffic police, volunteers, traffic wardens, road safety patrol personnel and home guards across the city would guide motorists to designated parking lots. Patrolling would be intense on Kamarajar Salai, East Coast Road, Anna Salai, EVR Salai, Poonamallee High Road and other accident-prone stretches.

Rash driving, speeding, use of mobile phone while driving, triple riding, pillion riding without helmet, driving without seat belt would invite police action, the release said. Such violators and their vehicles are liable to be detained under Section 207 of Motor Vehicle Act.

To enable smoother flow in Besant Nagar, the police said vehicles should be parked on Besant Nagar IV, V and VII Avenue instead of VI Avenue (Elliot's Beach). All automatic signals in the city would function on Thursday night.

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#### **Violence erupts in Bangalore; vehicles torched**

More than a hundred vehicles were damaged while about six of them were burnt, and several buildings were vandalised in Bangalore by unruly mobs following the death of legendary Kannada cine actor Vishnuvardhan here on Wednesday. Several persons, including police personnel were injured in the violence that erupted in southern Bangalore.

Some fans who came to pay their last respect, including an elderly man and a woman, were grievously injured near the National College grounds in Basavangudi. Emotionally-charged mobs, furious at not being able to catch a glimpse of the actor, went berserk.

Incidents of violence were first reported near Jayanagar Hospital after 9 a.m., when the actor's body was brought from his house in J.P. Nagar to National College grounds. In order to make way for the vehicle in which the actor's body and his family were travelling, policepersons had to resort to lathi-charge outside the National College premises. Tyres were burnt and BMTC buses were stoned in Sunkadakatte, Rajajinagar and near Ramakrishna Ashram.

#### **Autos, buses stay off roads**

An informal bandh was observed in South and South-West Bangalore on Wednesday, with shops pulling down shutters and autos staying off roads. Colleges closed immediately after news of Vishnuvardhan's death broke.

Basavanagudi and Gandhi Bazaar were the worst hit, with miscreants stoning shops, offices and vehicles. Even police vehicles were damaged, including the commissioner's. Shops in Rajajinagar, Vijayanagar and areas close to Majestic put up Vishnuvardhan's posters on the shutters. Autos too carried posters of the actor.

Majestic area was unusually quiet. BMTC and KSRTC services were hit till 4 pm. In some areas, buses were damaged. BMTC MD Syed Zameer Pasha told The Times of India there were stone-pelting incidents in South and West Bangalore.

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### Total bandh in Telangana

A total and largely peaceful bandh was observed in the Telangana region in response to a call given by the Joint Action Committee (JAC) of political parties to exert pressure on the Centre to expedite the process of forming a separate State.

The one-day shutdown was complete as educational institutions, business houses, factories, shops and establishments in Hyderabad and nine other Telangana districts remained closed. Streets wore a deserted look as the A.P. State Road Transport Corporation withdrew buses from the region while the South Central Railways too cancelled long distance trains.

There were stray incidents and attacks on government offices. JAC activists attacked industrial units at a few places in Nalgonda district, including the India Cements factory and the AG Glass factory. Ten trucks parked in the glass-making unit were damaged while an engineering college was attacked and the Terri Gold factory, both in the same district, set on fire.

The bandh turned violent in Karimnagar town where agitators ransacked the Employees Provident Fund (EPF) office, damaged an ATM centre of the SBI and attacked other offices, besides targeting three private schools at Godavarikhani. In Medak district, activists staged protests in front of the MRF factory near Sadasivpet and the Ordnance factory at Yeddu Mailaram.

### Traffic restrictions in city today

Police have imposed restrictions on traffic movement on some routes from 10 p.m. on Thursday to 2 a.m. on Friday in connection with the new year celebrations.

Vehicular movement will not be allowed on NTR Marg, Necklace road and Upper Tank Bund during these hours. Vehicles coming from V.V. statue to Necklace road and NTR Marg would be diverted at V.V. statue towards Khairatabad and Raj Bhavan road.

Those coming from BRK Bhavan to NTR Marg would be diverted towards Iqbal Minar, Lakdikapool and Ayodhya hotel. Vehicles coming from Liberty junction to Secunderabad side would be diverted at the GHMC office 'Y' junction towards BRK Bhavan, Telugu Talli fly-over, Iqbal Minar, Ravindra Bharathi, Lakdikapool and Ayodhya hotel.

Traffic coming going from Khairatabad market to Necklace rotary would be diverted at Khairatabad towards Meera theatre lane.

The Mint compound lane adjacent to Secretariat would be closed to general traffic. Vehicles coming from Nallagutta railway bridge will not be allowed towards Sanjeevaiah park and

Necklace road. They would be diverted towards Karbala Maidan or Ministers' road.

Traffic coming from Secunderabad will be diverted at Sailing Club towards Kavadiguda crossroads, lower Tank Bund, Katta Maisamma temple, Ashoknagar and RTC crossroads

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#### **Power shutdown Utilities**

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

**From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.:** Sreeramnagar, Rajivnagar, GTS Colony, Fatimanagar.

**From 10.30 a.m to 3 p.m.:** NAC Ground, Shilparamam, Raheja IT Park, Doctor's Colony, Kavuri Hills phase – II,

NIFT College, Ravindra Society, Sai Nagar, Cyber Towers, Silicon Valley, Durgam Cheruvu area.

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#### Security geared up for New Year celebrations

The police has identified as many as 94 sensitive points in the city in view of the New Year celebrations.

The traffic police stated that elaborate security arrangements had been made and extra force would be deployed to maintain the law and order situation in the city.

Apart from routine policing, over 1,500 personnel of various ranks would be deployed in the city. These extra personnel would remain deployed at all sensitive points. As many as 12 gazetted officials, 27 inspectors, 85 non-gazetted officials would be supervising the law and order situation. Besides, special nakas and patrolling by the paramilitary forces would be part of the security arrangements.

The police control room personnel and officials from the CID wing in mufti will remain stationed around the sensitive places in the city

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#### 5 more deaths from swine flu

The swine flu death graph is rising at an alarming rate in the city. Five more persons, including a resident of Chandigarh, succumbed to the deadly virus yesterday, raising the death toll to 55.

The number of H1N1 patients has also surged to 326, including a doctor from the PGI paediatrics department.

Since September 28, when the first death was reported in the city, the death toll has been steadily climbing.

**Advisory:** Please consult the Doctor if you feel any Flu like symptoms

#### List of doctors authorised to treat H1N1

- Dr Anil Kumar - 9417199555
- Dr RS Bedi- 9814523344
- Dr Sukhchain Bhullar -9814015233
- Dr RP Bansal-9814002926
- Dr Kuldeep S Santokh- 9316059846
- Dr GP Malik -0172-2700456
- Dr HV Jindal - 9417505512
- Dr Rajic Charan Singh Sachdeva - 9855033242
- Dr SK Garg - 9417139839
- Dr KK Sharma -0172-2644049

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### 4 die of swine flu in state in single day

Swine flu claimed four more lives in the state on Wednesday, taking the death toll to 143. Among the dead were a 78-year-old man from Jaipur, a two-year-old boy, a woman from Jodhpur and another woman from Pali.

According to the health department, till date 3,016 people have tested positive for the disease in the state. Jodhpur district with 38 H1N1 deaths has reported the maximum number of casualties, followed by Jaipur with 21 deaths. Officials admit that the high mortality rates in districts of Nagaur, Ajmer, Barmer and Jaisalmer districts have also been a cause of concern. The health department has now ordered to sensitise all private medical practitioners in the state regarding swine flu. The private clinics and hospitals will be provided information about categorisation of the swine flu suspects and will be instructed to refer all suspected H1N1 patients to the nearest screening centres.

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#### **Militants kill 4 CRPF jawans in Sopore**

Three CRPF personnel were killed when militants ambushed a group of jawans in the Warpora area of Sopore yesterday, while the fourth critically injured jawan died in a hospital. This is the most audacious attack on the security forces in Sopore in the recent times and militants, probably from the Lashkar-e-Toiba, also escaped with two AK rifles of the deceased jawans.

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**10 militants killed, 15 arrested in Pak's northwest**

Pakistani troops killed 10 militants in a clash in the Mohmand tribal region while 15 rebels were arrested during operations in the northwestern Swat valley.

Militant commander Shahabuddin was among the 10 militants killed in the clash at Chamar Kand area of Mohmand Agency, an official spokesman said.

Eighteen more militants were injured in the skirmish. The security forces also destroyed a militant hideout in the same area. Security forces launched an operation two days ago in Chamar Kand, which was an important rebel hideout.

Troops apprehended 10 militants during search and clearance operations near Charbagh, Qambar and Garai Kalle in the Swat valley.

Five more militants were arrested and a stolen car was recovered during operations in in Baz Darra Bala and Thana.

**70 dead in clashes in northern Nigeria**

Dozens more bodies were recovered after violent clashes between security forces and Islamists in northern Nigeria, bringing the death toll to around 70, a count at a hospital morgue showed on Wednesday.

An AFP reporter listed 42 bodies on the floor of the morgue in the city of Bauchi, all with bullet or machete wounds. Another 25 bodies, mostly young people including minors, had been placed in cold storage rooms.

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