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## **Law and Order**

### **Delhi petrol pumps to remain closed for 24 hrs from midnight**

Petrol pump-owners in Delhi have decided to go on strike and close the pumps for 24 hours from Thursday midnight onwards to protest the increase in diesel prices.

Delhi Petrol Dealers Association said that all 414 petrol pumps will join the token strike.

The members of the association also said that all free services of petrol pumps will also be withdrawn. They are demanding that VAT on diesel in Delhi to be brought at par with Haryana.

### **Left 'jail bharo' stir against price rise**

Thousands of activists and supporters of the Left parties, including women, descended on the Capital yesterday and staged a massive demonstration as part of their nation-wide 'jail bharo' agitation. However, leaders claimed that around 25 lakh people had participated in the rally.

They were protesting against the government's failure to check the rising prices of essential commodities. Hundreds of activists courted arrest. Many who had arrived from outside Delhi, the Left supporters challenged the police. Many of them tried to force their way to the Parliament Street police station but were pushed behind the barricades by the police.

### **Bikers rob 5 women, shopkeeper**

It seems that biker robbers have become active in Noida and Greater Noida again, as four incidents of robbery were reported from different parts of the towns yesterday.

Two bike-borne men robbed a woman of her gold chain and purse at gunpoint in Sector-63. The Sector-58 police has registered a complaint.

Neetu of Sector-62 was passing opposite Tata Motors around 8 pm when two bikers asked her about the way. As she began guiding them, one of them flashed a knife and deprived her of a gold chain and purse containing her cell phone, some cash and an ATM card. Neetu works in a local company.

Three incidents of loot were reported from Greater Noida yesterday.

### **Taxing times: 500 Meru drivers on strike**

Commuters using radio cabs for their commute are an aggrieved lot as drivers of one the major radio cab operators, Meru Cabs, stayed off the roads on Wednesday. With barely 100 of the 1,200 cabs in service, a majority of those calling the call centre were turned away.

The drivers are on strike as they are demanding a reduction in the daily subscription amount which is required to be paid to the company. Since its inception three years ago, this is for the first that the business model of radio cabs is being challenged.

The problem has arisen as over 500 cab drivers called a strike and put the fleet off the roads. On Tuesday, one of the cabs plying on the road was reportedly damaged after which the operator sent out an alert to the drivers to be careful and not to ply on the routes affected by the strike.

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**Left parties planning 'Bharat bandh'**

The Opposition parties which are not allied with either the Congress or the BJP may call for an all-India bandh in protest against the Centre's policies leading to price rise, said Biman Bose, Chairman of the Left Front Committee in West Bengal, here on Thursday.

The decision to organise a "Bharat bandh" will be taken at a meeting of non-Congress, non-BJP parties in New Delhi on April 12, said Mr. Bose, who is also a member of the CPI (M) Polit Bureau.

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Power shutdown today

Power supply will be suspended on Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the following areas.

**K.K.D. Nagar:** M.K.B. Nagar, Vyasarpadi, Thiruvalluvar Nagar, S.A. Colony and Rajiv Gandhi Nagar.

**Chepauk:** T.V. Station, Royapettah, Triplicane, P.W.D. Complex, Presidency College, Big Street, Sydoji Street, Triplicane High road, Iyyapillai Street, Akber Sahib Street, O.V.M. Street, Mosque Street, Lal Mohammed Street, Lal Begum Street and Khana Bagh Street.

**Alwarthirunagar:** Valasaravakkam, Alwarthirunagar, Virugambakkam, Nerkundram and parts of Arcot Road.

**Tagore Nagar:** K.K. Nagar, Jeeva Park, New Street, Battachari Street, Vellala Street, Gnanambal Garden and parts of Konnur High Road.

**Melur:** Minjur, Athipattu, Melur, Thiruvellavoyal, Kondakarai and Nalur.

**Sembium:** Kannabiran Koil Street, Francis Colony and G.N.T. Road.

**Iyyappanthangal:** Iyyapanthangal, Oil Mill Road, V.G.N. Nagar, Ashok Brindavan Nagar, Krishnaveni Ammal Nagar, Subbiah Nagar and Mettu Street.

**Porur:** R.E. Nagar, Sakthi Nagar, Ambal Nagar, Mangala Nagar, Somasundaram Avenue, Ganesh Avenue 1st to 8th Streets, Kundrathur Road, Mount Poonamallee Road and New Colony.

**Valasaravakkam:** Samayapuram, Gandhi Nagar, Sri Ram Nagar, Mount Poonamallee Road, Arcot Road, G.K. Industrial Estate, Ekambaram Industrial Estate and Krishnamachari Street.

**Gerugambakkam:** R.E. Nagar, Ramakrishna Nagar, Madanandhapuram, Annai Velankanni Nagar, Kolapakkam, Gerugambakkam and Raja Gopalapuram.

**Karambakkam:** Karambakkam, Arcot Road, Mahalakshmi Nagar, Rajeshwari Nagar, Thirumurugan Nagar, Jaya Nagar, Ponni Nagar and Dharmaraja Nagar. Sothuperumbedu: Sholavaram, Sirinium, Angadu, Karanodai, Athur, Gnayuru, Arumanthai to Vichoor, Sothuperumbedu, Bhoodur and Orakkadu.

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### **Robbers snatch jewels from train passengers**

As the train halted waiting for the signal, a group of robbers snatched gold ornaments worth over Rs 2 lakh from the window-seat passengers and escaped under the cover of darkness.

The incident happened late Wednesday night when the Kanyakumari-bound express train halted near Varadapura village, 3 km from Bangarpet in Kolar district.

When the signal was not given, the driver halted the train. At that moment, a group of people threw stones at the glass windows of some reserved compartments. When the glass windows broke, the gang took away gold ornaments from the window-seat passengers. Before the RPF men could raise an alarm, the gang, which apparently knew the topography of the area, escaped.

The entire incident took place in a couple of minutes. Neither the passengers nor the policemen had time to react.

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### **Tension back; Hyderabad riots toll touches 3**

The tension was back in the old city of Hyderabad on Thursday with a person, stabbed during communal clashes last fortnight, succumbing to his injuries in a hospital. With his death, the toll in the communal riots has risen to three.

Narasimha, 54, a resident of Lal Darwaza area, who was stabbed by unidentified people in Hussaini Alam police station area on the night of March 28, died at the Osmania Hospital on Wednesday night.

As news of his death spread, police went on high alert in Shahali Banda and adjacent areas near the historic Charminar to prevent any untoward incident. Even curfew-pass holders were stopped from entering into the old city.

Elaborate security arrangements have been made as some groups are reportedly preparing to take out a funeral procession.

After initial confusion, police relaxed the curfew in these areas along with other-riot hit parts of the city. The 12-hour curfew relaxation began at 6 am in all 25 police station areas but the movement of people in Shahali Banda and surrounding areas was restricted. Shops and schools remained closed.

Though the day curfew was lifted last on Monday, the police are continuing with the night curfew as a precautionary measure.

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#### **Key conspirator of Pune blast identified, says ATS**

Yasin Bhatkal, believed to be a relative of Indian Mujahideen founder Riyaz Bhatkal, has been identified by Maharashtra ATS as one of the main conspirators of the Pune bomb blast in which 17 people were killed.

Indian Mujahideen is suspected to be behind the February 13 blast in Pune's upscale Koregaon Park area, an ATS source said.

The ATS, which has submitted a preliminary report on investigations into the terror attack - the first after 26/11 - has claimed that the suspects have been identified and they would be arrested soon.

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## **Fraud by Kotak Mahindra Bank employees: Bigger scam comes to light**

Investigations into the case of misappropriation of investors' money by employees of Kotak Mahindra Bank in Phase IIIB 2 here have led to a bigger scam. At least five persons, including two employees of the bank, had misappropriated an amount of Rs 3.8 crore in four different cases.

On Wednesday, Surinder Singh, an investor, had complained that his Rs 32 lakh had been misappropriated by the employees of a private bank from his account. Subsequently, the police on Thursday received three more applications from other investors. The police has already arrested two employees of the bank, Love Bumby and Rampreet Singh.

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#### **Employees' Strike: DCs, police directed to video film offices**

A day after about 30 striking employees were arrested, the government on Thursday directed the deputy commissioners (DC) and the police to check attendance, prepare records and videofilm offices to prove the absence of employees.

This is another step by the government to foil the strike of the employees after imposing the Essential Services Maintenance Act (ESMA) on them. All deputy commissioners and SSPs had been directed to constitute mobile inspection teams to check the attendance of the employees. A Senior Police official said, We have been ordered to file reports to the office of the Divisional Commissioner by 4 pm daily. The government is not ready to give any relaxation to the striking employees, as earlier they did not listen to it.”

#### **One jawan killed, another injured in J-K**

An armyman was killed and another injured when they came under heavy gunfire from militants in the dense forests of Rajawar in North Kashmir on Wednesday night.

The army and police personnel were in pursuit of suspected Lashker-e-Taiba terrorists hiding in the forests in Handwara district.

The army troops came under heavy fire when they were conducting a cordon and search operation, one jawan was killed and another injured.

The troops also returned fire. Reinforcement of army and police has been rushed to the area and the operation is continuing.

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### **Shutdown in Chhattisgarh to protest Maoist massacre, Chattisgarh**

Roads were deserted, schools were closed and shops downed shutters across many parts of Chattisgarh on Thursday as the opposition Congress began a daylong shutdown to protest the massacre of 76 troopers by Maoist guerrillas.

Roads wore a deserted look not only in the state capital Raipur but also in the second most populous town in the state, Bilaspur. In Durg and the industrial towns of Korba, Raigarh and Bhilai too, vehicles remained off roads.

According to reports from the state's Maoist stronghold of Bastar region, the shutdown hit life in the five districts- Dantewada, Bijapur, Narayanpur, Bastar and Kanker.

Schools remained closed across the state while shopkeepers downed their shutters as a mark of protest.

Chhattisgarh state Congress president Dhanendra Sahu told here that the strike was called to protest the flawed policies of the state's ruling Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) that resulted in the the killing of 76 troopers Tuesday in the biggest ever attack carried by Maoists.

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**Five suicide bombers stopped in SUV in Kabul**

Five would-be suicide bombers of the Haqqani network, the largest such team, was apprehended in Kabul on Thursday.

"If this team had made it through it would have been a disaster as we've seen in past instances," said Abdul Ghafar, deputy commander of the Afghan National Police crisis unit.

He said police, acting on intelligence, stopped the suicide bombers as they were travelling in an SUV in the southeastern part of the city. He said the bomb team had been sent by the Al-Qaida-linked Haqqani network.

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