

Thieves on the prowl in Panchkula
Strike at five flats; decamp with cash, valuables worth lakhs of rupees
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Thieves struck at five flats of Rail Vihar, a housing society, in the Mansa Devi Complex, Sector 4, in broad daylight today. They decamped with cash and valuables worth lakhs of rupees.



This is the third such theft which miscreants committed in broad daylight in the past fortnight, raising doubts over the functioning of district police officials.

While two theft incidents remain unsolved, the thieves again committed the crime in a densely populated society and caught the police personnel napping.

According to information, the thieves struck at Rail Vihar and broke into five flats located on the third and fourth floors of the G-block of the society. The miscreants committed the theft in absence of the flat owners.

Ashwin Shanvi, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Panchkula, did not pick up the phone. Mamta Sauda, Assistant Police Commissioner of the area, said the details of the thefts were with Vikash Kumar, station house officer of the area.

The SHO said the thieves broke into the flats (Nos. 209, 210, 211, 309 and 310) between 11 am and 11.30 am when the owners were away.

He said the victims were either employees or retired officers. The flat owners, Saurabh (209), who works with a company in Mohali, CP Singh (210), who is a retired Railway employee, and Nisha (309), found the locks of the main doors of their flats broke open when they returned home in the afternoon.

"The victims complained that the thieves took away cash and gold jewellery worth lakhs of rupees from their flats," the station house officer said.

He said a team of forensic experts had been pressed into service and efforts were on to solve the theft incidents.

The police have initiated investigations after recording the statements of the victims.

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On May 5, thieves targeted five houses, including a councillor's house, in Sector 2 and decamped with electronic goods, cash and gold jewellery. A few days ago, the thieves also struck at four houses, including the house of former Punjab and Haryana High Court's Justice Amarjeet Singh, in Sector 6.

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