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To,

The Editor,
The Times of India,
Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg,
New Delhi-110002

Subject: Reg. rejoinder to the news item i.e. 'VIP Movement Strangles Rush-Hour Traffic At And Around ITO. Yet Again' (Published on 31.01.2026)

This is with reference to the recent article published in your esteemed newspaper regarding traffic congestion around Rajghat, ITO, and other adjoining areas on 30.01.26 i.e. Martyr's Day. While inconvenience to commuters is always a matter of concern to the Delhi Traffic Police also, your report presents an incomplete and selective account of the situation.

At the outset, the traffic map published with the article did not depict the full operational picture. Key corridors where traffic movement remained smooth have not been shown. The color from the stretches where traffic was moving smoothly appear to have been omitted from the google map image published by you, giving the visual impression of blanket disruption. The exclusion of these elements from the published map creates a misleading representation for readers.



Published Image



The actual situation at the same time

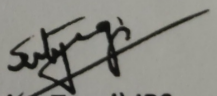
Further, the traffic advisory was issued at 10:20 PM (29.01.2026), providing nearly 12 hours' advance notice before the restrictions. The article does not quote any person stating that the public was uninformed. In the present communication environment—through media platforms, digital alerts, and traffic advisories—this duration constitutes reasonable advance information for a large and dynamic urban setting.

It is also important to recognize that temporary restrictions and congestion during major national observances and high-security events are not unique to Delhi. This is a worldwide phenomenon in Capital and other metropolitan cities, where security, ceremonial protocols, and public movement must be balanced.

The Delhi Traffic Police continuously endeavor to minimize disruption while ensuring safety, security, and protocol requirements. Traffic regulation on such days is a complex, multi-agency exercise requiring real-time adjustments on the ground.

Reporting that leans toward sensationalism or selective emphasis, without presenting the full operational and visual context, does little to aid public understanding. Balanced coverage that reflects both challenges and the arrangements made would better serve citizens.

We hope future reporting on such matters will present a more comprehensive and accurate perspective.


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