

Blackmarketeers have field day due to petrol shortage

Blackmarketeers struck it rich in the Chhattisgarh capital Friday -- selling petrol for as much as Rs.80 a litre -- after dozens of petrol pumps went dry due to a strike by oil sector employees.

After a majority of petrol pumps had 'Closed' signs hung outside, people were seen thronging the roadside to buy petrol.

The blackmarketeers were doing roaring business as they went around selling petrol from drums kept behind their bicycles.

While the actual price of petrol is about Rs.46 a litre here, it was being sold for Rs.80 per litre.

Lal Umed Singh, city superintendent of police, Raipur, said: 'We are collecting details of reports about blackmarketing of petrol and will take action.'

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