

Mumbai traffic lights



- 1 Police in India have come up with a smart plan to cut noise pollution – by making vehicles wait longer for traffic lights to go green if they honk their horns too loudly. Fed up with the buzz from car horns in their city, Mumbai Police conducted a trial at the end of last year in which decibel meters were connected to traffic light poles. If the meters registered noise levels of 85 decibels or over, the lights were reset and stayed red for longer.
- 2 As in several other Indian cities, traffic lights in Mumbai display countdown timers. Pranay Ashok, a police spokesman, told CNN that the experiment took place at a few junctions for 15 minutes a day. He said a further trial – at 10 locations – will be carried out next month. The police hope the concept will then be rolled out to the entire traffic management system.
- 3 Commenting on a video of the initiative that Mumbai Police posted on Twitter at the end of January, Ashok said it showed “the ill effects of this noise pollution.” The video begins with the police describing Mumbai as “the honking capital of the world,” before stating that they had been eager to do something about the problem. In the clip, police name their creation “The Punishing Signal” and offer the following warning to motorists: “Feel free to honk if you don’t mind waiting.”

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- 1p **30** Wanneer blijven de verkeerslichten in Mumbai langer op rood volgens alinea 1?
Schrijf je antwoord op in je uitwerkbijlage.
- 1p **31** Welke bewering over het experiment in Mumbai is juist volgens alinea 2?
A De maatregel is na afloop in heel India doorgevoerd.
B Het is op een aantal kruispunten uitgetoet.
C Het systeem blijkt nog niet optimaal te werken.
- 1p **32** “The Punishing Signal” (alinea 3)
Wat is de straf die automobilisten krijgen?
A Ze krijgen een officiële waarschuwing.
B Ze moeten een fikse boete betalen.
C Ze worden getoet op sociale media.
D Ze zullen langer moeten wachten.