

CARD 1

INTERNET SHUTDOWN?

Here are messaging apps that work offline over Bluetooth, allowing you to communicate without an internet connection with people nearby.

BRIAR Available on Android & iOS

It also works on local Wi-Fi and supports communication over Tor when the Internet is available.



BRIDGEFY

Available on Android
& iOS



BITCHAT

Available on Android
& iOS

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If you have internet access, consider using the following open-source messaging platforms and social media services to protect your privacy:

SIGNAL

Available on Android
& iOS



ELEMENT

Available on Android
& iOS



MASTADON

Available on Android
& iOS



TUSKY

Available on Android



Our Internet Shutdown Tracker monitors and documents shutdowns across India.

If you or someone you know is participating in protests and experiencing an internet shutdown, report it to us. Help us keep the public informed and build a record of these disruptions.



Report on
rightsline.sflc.in

Connect with us on email -
mail@sflc.in

CARD 2

**IF THE POLICE STOPS YOU -
STAY CALM.
DO NOT RUN OR RESIST.**

Ask them-

- **Am I free to leave? If yes, leave calmly.**
- **If no, ask - Am I being detained or arrested?
What offence am I alleged to have committed?**

IF YOU ARE ARRESTED -

**Say: "I want to speak to my lawyer. Please inform my family.
Please tell me the grounds of my arrest."**

Do not resist.

Do not sign documents you don't understand.

Do not give false information.

Do not offer a bribe.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS.

KNOW WHY YOU ARE BEING ARRESTED.

CONTACT A LAWYER AND YOUR FAMILY.

BE PRODUCED BEFORE A MAGISTRATE WITHIN 24 HOURS.

CARD 3

PROTESTS & PUBLIC ASSEMBLIES BEFORE A PROTEST

Carry the following -

→ ID | A lawyer's number | Emergency contact

If police orders you to disperse -

- Stay peaceful. Do not argue.
 - Ask: "What order is in force? Am I free to leave?"
 - If told to leave, leave peacefully unless advised otherwise by your lawyer.
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If detained -

- Say "I want to speak to my lawyer. Which police station am I being taken to? Please inform my family."

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CARD 4

DON'T LET CONTENT TAKEDOWNS OR ACCOUNT SUSPENSIONS SILENCE YOUR VOICE.

If your content has been taken down or your account has been suspended, report it to us. Our 24/7 free and secure helpline - RightsLine supports you with:

- Free legal support
- Understanding your legal rights and options
- Challenging wrongful content takedowns
- Challenging wrongful account suspensions
- Guidance to help ensure your voice is heard



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CARD 5

WHAT TO DO IF YOUR MOBILE PHONE IS ABOUT TO BE SEIZED

Ask the following questions and note the answers.

- **Do you have a warrant? If so, may I see it?**
- **Which investigating agency do you represent**
- **What is your official designation?**
- **What are the allegations against me?**

**Please reach out to SFLC.in
@RightsLine in case you require legal
assistance on a pro bono basis.**



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SFLC.in will try its best to connect you with a lawyer through its Digital Defenders Network, a pan-India network of lawyers trained to assist in matters involving digital rights. Obtaining timely assistance will not just help in challenging unlawful seizure of electronic devices in court but will also help in recovering them.

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Post Seizure Checklist Once Your Device is Returned

•	Obtain a list from the officers detailing all the devices they have analysed or seized.
•	Power on the device and ensure it boots up normally.
•	Test the basic functions and features, like WiFi, app usage, camera, etc.
•	Check for any physical damage to the device, including signs of tampering with seals or screws (document anything suspicious).
•	Check if any security, privacy or location settings have been changed.
•	Check for the presence of spyware by - • Check if any new software or operating system has been installed on your phone that was not present before the seizure. • Any unusual activity with your device (excessive battery draining, data use, dysfunctional features)
•	Check your social media, email and all major accounts to see if any other devices are logged in that are not owned by you.
•	If you find any unfamiliar devices, take immediate action to remove them to secure your account. This can usually be done through the account's security settings.